



# Little Sunshines Nursery

# Starting Nursery



If you are interested in applying for a place at Little Sunshines Nursery, please fill in an application form. You can collect this from the school office.

Children can start at the nursery from the age of two all the way up until they are ready to start in Reception. Before your child starts we recommend at least two settling-in sessions; one whilst accompanied by a parent/carer and one where the child joins us independently. These will only last one hour. If we feel a child will need a little bit of extra support to settle, we would encourage you to join us again until they grow more comfortable.

# Funding

Funding is available for some families but this is on an individual basis organised through the local authority. All children are eligible for 15 hours of free entitlement from the term after their 3rd birthday. Some 2 year olds are also eligible for 15 hours of free entitlement after their 2nd birthday. Working families may also be eligible for 30 hours funding.



# Uniform

We do not have a specific uniform at nursery, however, if you would like a polo-shirt/sweatshirt, these can be ordered in smaller sizes from the school. We do recommend that children are dressed suitably and comfortably and in clothing you do not mind getting messy!



# Nursery Sessions

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Nursery opens at 8.45a.m. Our morning sessions run until 11.45. These are funded hours. Our afternoon sessions start at 11.45 and finish at 2.45. Again, these are funded hours. If your child stays all day (8.45-3.15), you will be required to pay for a "late" collection fee of £2.50. If you are not eligible for any funding our session fees are £13.50. All fees are payable in advance on a termly basis via our ParentPay system.



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Woods in the UK have three layers called the canopy, the understorey, herb layer and the ground layer.

Woods are an important part of the ecosystems that we live in. They provide the essentials for many of the animals and plants that live in them.

In the UK only about 10% of the land is covered in woodland and forests.

## Sharnfold Farm Woodland and Creatures Fact and Spotting Station



Woods and trees are home to more wildlife than any other landscape they provide homes and food for thousands of species including many mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates.

### What will you see today?

A stoat is a small Mustelid and related to the weasel.

Rabbits live in large groups in underground burrows.

On average an adult rabbit weighs 2kg.



# What does a typical day look like in Nursery?



Both Morning and Afternoon sessions allow for similar activities.

We aim for:

Continuous Provision between 8.45-10.15 a.m.

Circle-Time/ stories/rhymes/input 10.15-10.30 a.m.

Snack Time - rolling snack from 10.30 a.m.

Garden Time/Physical development until lunch

Lunch - 11.45-12.15 p.m.

Continuous Provision - 12.15-1.45 p.m.

Circle-Time/stories/rhymes/input 1.45-2 p.m.

Snack Time - 2 p.m. onwards

Garden-Time/Physical development until 3 p.m.

Story-time - 3-3.15 p.m.

Home-Time - 3.15 p.m.

# What does your provision look like?

We learn through play and our Continuous Provision includes: construction, malleable play, sand/water, role-play, small world play, mark-making and creativity. These are out at all times for the children to access. We also have some table-top tasks for the children to explore. Staff interact meaningfully with children in order to stimulate and maintain interest and enthusiasm for trying new things. The children move freely between the indoors and outdoor area and have a good degree of individual choice making. There are a vast amount of resources available for the children and they quickly learn our core values and how to respect each other and our environment. We value the sense of “belonging” both to nursery and the wider community and aim to get the children “out and about” on little trips e.g. to the farm, harbour, shops etc and also to invite visitors to share information e.g. fire brigade, lifeguards, police officers, animal handlers...





# Personal Care

No child is expected to be toilet-trained at two years old - we try to work in collaboration with parents/carers in order to be successful with this. Although some people may feel under pressure to start toilet-training early, our general “rule of thumb” is that when children are able to express their needs and wants either verbally or using other means of communication, then they are ready. Our nappy-changing rotas are closely adhered to and sanitation is of paramount importance to us. Our toilets are at the correct height for our little-ones and are kept clean at all times. If you are beginning toilet-training with us, please remember to put at least two changes of clothing in their bags - this should also include socks!

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the right to learn with the full support of caring adults. One aim of our nursery is to get children ready for school. Consequently, we will be teaching and encouraging your child to become independent in their self care, for example; washing their hands, doing up their coat or getting a snack when they're hungry.

# What will children need?



Please ensure your child has the following on their peg every day:

Nappies

Wipes

Named spare clothes in a bag

Suitable clothing and shoes for outdoor play

A drinks bottle with the child's name clearly marked.

If your child is staying for lunch with us, they will require a packed lunch. Please do remember to pop in an icepack if providing dairy or meat-based products.

ALL items of clothing/shoes/wellies should be clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent confusion.