



# Little Explorers

Nursery and Preschool in Worth Road

where little hands  
achieve **BIG** things



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# Nursery Prospectus

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## LittleExplorers

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## From our Parents...

On behalf of my son Rio...

“Thank you for everyday that you took care of me whilst I played, for all the things I’ve learned like being fair and waiting turns.

For time you spent teaching and wiping tears, for knowing a hug is what I really needed and for the tenderness you have shown teaching me to be kind at heart.

For being there when my mummy couldn’t be, and for making everyday a fun special memory - thank you so much”.

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I cannot recommend Little Explorers enough! Both my girls love going. The staff are informative, professional and most importantly, they are kind. My 11-month-old has separation anxiety and the team at little explorers did everything they could to make sure she was ready and happy for when she started. This was extremely important to me as I was feeling nervous about having to leave her, she settled in quickly and has a smile on her face when she arrives in the morning. My 3-year-old has come on leaps and bounds since starting, her speech, writing and communication has improved significantly, she calls Little Explorers a happy place - and being a working mum, this is what you want to hear! When my children are at little explorers, I know they are well looked after and safe. Thank you to the team.



## Introducing: Clare Peacock

A message from our owner Clare

Our vision at Little Explorers is to provide child care that meets the needs of each child and family in a safe, educational environment. We aim to focus on the individual needs of the child, whilst providing quality, reliable and safe childcare.

We have a passionate, highly qualified team working across our three settings in Sussex, bringing together a wealth of childcare knowledge. They work hard to support the entire family of Little Explorers, and scaffold our approach to growth and development in the early years.

At Little Explorers we have adopted the approaches of many theorists of learning like Emilia Reggio, Maria Montessori, Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotski and many more. These outlooks to learning are embedded throughout our vision, that all three nurseries deliver on an individual level to the children.

The staff at Little Explorers are ambassadors for their settings and care for the needs of young children with the core aim being the ‘child’ at the centre of our pedagogy.





## Our Aim

Our aim at Little Explorers Nursery and Preschool is to provide care at the highest standard. We aim to become an Outstanding setting, providing a rich learning environment with new learning opportunities which provoke wonder and curiosity. We aim to meet every child's individual needs and for all staff to share the same vision, that 'every child matters.'

## Our Mission Statement

**Our purpose** is to provide a safe and secure homely setting where children can flourish, develop, and learn, through child lead organised play and learning opportunities which will nurture their potential as an individual. We work in partnership with parent and carers to ensure a holistic approach to learning is used when planning for children's individual needs and we follow the "Early Years Foundation Stage" curriculum to ensure a complete learning and developmental experience.

**Our vision** is to be a locally recognised nursery with an outstanding reputation for providing the best care available in the area. We are informed by different theorist and approaches, including the curiosity approach, Reggio Emilia approach and loose parts play. As a setting we are moving away from plastic toys and replacing these with toys made from natural materials or which have been recycled. It is also important to us to provide a homely environment which reflects the children who attend.

**Our Values** are to have a team of professional staff who are experienced at ensuring the children learn and develop through play, and to maintain a nursery of the highest standards. We provide an inclusive practice where the child is at the centre of all of our decisions. We are approachable and friendly and encourage feedback as much as possible. We continually assess our provisions with the aim of providing excellent facilities now and in the future.

## From our Parents...

I just wanted to say, thank you so much Little Explorers for making baby Luca really happy – every time we pick him up, he is smiling and having so much fun. Thanks to the great staff for being so patient with him. We look forward to watching him develop his friendships with all the other children. It's great that he is getting such a wide range of social interaction. I'm sure it's moulding him into a wonderful child ready for the world ahead. And thanks, Clare, for your flexibility – I really appreciate what you guys have done for us.

My daughter Maleah has a strong personality and is very set in her ways. From her first day every member of staff has been nothing but supportive, and nothing has been too much trouble for you. I can't thank Little Explorers enough for making her journey through preschool a positive one. She has made some big steps through the help and support they are giving her; she is always happy to come to nursery and loves telling us at home about her day. I am going to be sorry when her journey ends at preschool and begins at school, but I know you are all going to make that transition as easy and smooth as you can for her, and I am utterly grateful for every bit of time and attention you put into helping that happen.

## Explore a little

We aim to provide an outstanding level of care, with stimulating play and learning opportunities for children, in a safe and homely setting. Our core belief is that every child matters, and we have a growing reputation for providing a fun, friendly experience to every little explorer that walks through our door.

### Flexible Care

We are one of the most adaptable nurseries in Sussex – combine our four standard time slots with any additional ad-hoc hours you need, to get childcare perfectly tailored to your weekly routine. Our convenient location in Crawley makes drop-off and pick-up a breeze.

We're a full time nursery: **open five days a week, for fifty-one weeks of the year!**

### Beautiful setting

We have natural light and use neutral tones to create a calm learning environment. Every day here is different. The classroom is inviting offering lots of different play opportunities for the children to explore. We also have a secure garden and offer free flow play between the classroom and the garden when possible. We maintain a very clean facility - we're all trained in food hygiene, and we keep toys, hands and eating areas constantly immaculate.

### Stimulate the mind

At Little Explorers Nursery and Preschool the children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. **The children are constantly encountering new experiences** and seeking to understand them in order to extend their skills, develop their confidence and build on what they already know. The foundation stage is continued in reception classes in primary school and is based on seven areas of learning.

## Fun fun fun...

Children who attend get the chance to play and learn alongside other children and acquire skills, which will give them a head start at school. Our nursery is filled with lots of different learning opportunities from treasure baskets for the babies to explore, loose part play, and items of curiosity to provoke new language.



As they acquire skills, they are taking part in fun, challenging activities – keeping them stimulated with a desire to learn. We like to plan and take the children on an adventure every day, whatever the child's abilities or skills. With our wealth of resources and fantastic practitioners your child will be guaranteed a fun packed day!



## A Typical Day



### From our Parents...

I love this nursery. Since joining, my daughter has developed in so many ways. She is more confident and loves going every morning. It's a great place with friendly, skilled staff. Thank you so much for the making the difference. We will miss you very much.

Your staff really make a difference. They treat the kids including my Brody with care and love. The facilities are great also. I always get a detailed description of Brody's day at the nursery, and he is always welcomed and sent off well. For so many reasons - it's a big 5 stars from me!



Time	Activity
07:30	Early arrivals, breakfast and free play
09:00	Morning welcome time
09:15	Free-flow – choice of activities
10:00	Morning snack bar opens
11:30	Circle time in key groups
12:00	Lunch time!
12:45	Sleep/rest time
13:00	Activities resume
14:00	Afternoon snack bar opens
15:00	School day ends, activity change
16:00	Afternoon tea
16:45	Story time, quiet activities
17:00	Free play
18:00	Nursery closes

Children are encouraged to visit the toilet according to their individual needs. Nappies are checked and changed at regular intervals.

Babies under the age of two will follow their own routine, which carers will be made aware of.



# what's for lunch?

There is a healthy menu available to the children attending Little Explorers, which can be downloaded from our website. Allergen information can also be obtained from the nursery. All meals are inclusive for full fees paid children.



## Sample Menu Items

Lunch	Tea
Meatballs, in tomato sauce, spaghetti and garlic bread	Chicken or cheese sandwiches and salad sticks angel delight and fruit
Chicken goujons, new potatoes and carrots	Ham and cream cheese wraps, cucumber and carrot sticks, banana loaf
Vegetable curry, rice and naan bread.	Savoury muffins and cream cheese, apple and banana slices
Vegetarian sausage, mash potato and beans	Selection of sandwiches and salad sticks, fruit flapjacks
Jacket potato, cheese or beans with salad	Homemade sausage rolls and salad, ice cream and grapes
Fish cakes, sauté potatoes and peas	Scrambled egg on toast, shortbread
Chilli con carne with rice	Savoury omelette, cheese and salad sticks, Swiss roll
Sweet and sour chicken with noodles	Cheese, crackers, ham and pickle with salad sticks, fruit salad

# Curriculum

## The learning opportunities we provide

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### The Prime Areas of Learning Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

This area of learning is about emotional well-being, knowing who you are and where you fit in and how to feel good about yourself. It is also about developing respect for others, social competence, and a positive attitude to learn.

### Communication and Language.

The ability to communicate gives children the capacity to participate more fully in society. We will help your child to learn to talk confidently and clearly, enjoying stories, songs, and rhymes. They will learn to link sounds with letters, develop writing skills, and become familiar with books.

### Physical Development.

The children will learn to improve skills in

co-ordination, manipulation, and movement, develop a positive sense of well-being and begin to recognise the importance of keeping healthy. They will have access to enjoy outdoor play in our fantastic garden area and frequent access to equipment to enhance their gross motor skills indoors.

### The Specific Areas of Learning Literacy

The children will learn to link sounds with letters, develop writing skills, and become familiar with books and text.

### Mathematics

Your child will develop an understanding of mathematics through counting, sorting, matching, seeking patterns and making connections. We will encourage learning about numbers, shapes, space, and measures through games and activities.

### Understanding the world

Children in this area of learning are developing skills and understanding that help them to make sense of the world around them. This forms the foundation for later work in science, history and geography. They will find out about past events in their own lives and those of their family. They will also find out about different cultures and beliefs.



### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be encouraged to express their thoughts, ideas, and feelings, imaginatively using a wide variety of different materials and equipment including sand, water, paint and music.

## Get the look!

The nursery has an optional uniform and a range of accessories which can be purchased online from [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). Just search for *Little Explorers Nursery and Preschool*. The items will arrive branded, displaying our logo.

It's a great way to help your child get used to wearing a uniform in preparation for primary school, and for getting messy without dirtying other clothes. The uniform also helps us easily spot children in our care during outings.



### Selected items

See the full range at: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)



**Polo Shirt**  
£5.50



**Sweatshirt**  
£9.00



**Fleece**  
£16.00



**Shower Resistant Jacket**  
£16.00



**Baseball Cap**  
£5.00



**Water Bottle**  
£5.00



**Rucksack**  
£8.00



**Book Bag**  
£5.00



# Fees

## Age 0-3 years

Our prices where no funding applies:

	Fee per day
Full Day 07:30 – 17:30	£70
End of day add-on 17:30 – 18:00	£7
Morning 07:30 – 13:00	£43
Afternoon 13:00 – 17:30	£37

### Fully Inclusive

Paid sessions are fully inclusive of meals, nappies, milk, food, nappy cream & sun cream. Please ask us if you'd like to know the brands we use.

### Ad-hoc hours

Additional hours outside the sessions shown can sometimes be accommodated, at a rate of £7.80 per hour.

**A minimum of two sessions per week are required.**

## Age 3-4 years

**Free Entitlement:** Little Explorers offer 11 funded hours per week, 51 weeks of the year.

11 hours of funding is divided pro rata over the term and, if you have selected additional hours outside of the funded schedule, will be incorporated in your monthly invoice.

Funded hours	
Morning 07:30 – 13:00	2 per week
Afternoon 13:00 – 15:45	4 per week

### Free Snack included

**Meal fees apply for AM funded sessions (see opposite)**

Consumables are charged at a fixed rate of £3 per hour during free entitlement funded hours.

### Additional Funding for Working Parents

This additional funding for eligible parents is available in the following patterns:

Timetable options	Funded hours per week
Two Full Days 07.30 – 17.30	20 funded hours
As above plus AM or PM session	22 funded hours + fee for remainder of AM/PM session

To receive the full 22 funded hours, the remainder of the additional AM or PM session must be paid at the hourly rate of £7.80, plus a meal fee.

# Meal fees

Meal prices only apply if you have funded hours during the session.

Meal	Time	Fee
Breakfast	07:30 – 08:30	£2.50
Lunch	12:00 – 12:30	£3.60
Tea	16:00 – 16:30	£3.40

## Other notes on our fees

These apply to all ages, with or without funding.

- A **registration fee** of £50 is due when registering your child. Please speak with the manager if you require assistance with this payment. This is voluntary for funded-only places.
- **Sibling Discount** – A discount of 10% is available when two or more siblings attend at the same time, from the same family unit. Discount will be given to the sibling paying the lowest rate, for fee paying children only. No discount applies if Free Entitlement Funding is used to cover fees of one or more children.
- Fees are collected one month in advance, before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month; any additional costs will be added to the following month's invoice. Fees may be paid monthly using bank transfer or with cash.



# What happens next?

## Book a viewing

Call or email to book a visit to our nursery:

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## Explore a little

Visit our website: [littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool.co.uk](http://littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool.co.uk)

Like our Facebook page: [facebook.com/littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool](https://facebook.com/littleexplorersnurseryandpreschool)

Follow us on Instagram  
[@little\\_explorers\\_nursery](https://www.instagram.com/little_explorers_nursery)

## Ready to enrol?

We have an easy form for that – it's included in our welcome pack.





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