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Little Berries Pre-School

"Your child is the centre of our world"

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Welcome

My name is Mary Lymbourides and it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to Little Berries Preschools. I have the privileged position of managing both settings and I'm delighted that you are considering our preschool for your child's learning journey. Choosing the right setting is an important decision, and we are proud to offer a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment where every child is valued and supported to thrive.

Learning and well-being is our core purpose. I am very aware of the impact that high quality Early Years Education has on young children. At Little Berries, we believe that children learn best when they feel happy, secure and confident. We champion challenge and learning within a safe and happy environment where everyone is considerate and respectful of each other. Our experienced and caring team spend a great deal of time tuning into your children to meet their individual needs. We are committed to providing an enriching, play-based curriculum that builds curiosity, independence and a love of learning. We provide activities and experiences which support and allow all children to flourish and fulfil their potential. We place great importance on developing strong relationships with children and their families, working in partnership to support each child's unique needs, interests and abilities.

Our settings provide rich learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors, enabling children to explore, investigate and develop key skills at their own pace. We are passionate about supporting children's personal, social and emotional development, as well as laying strong foundations in communication, language, physical development and early literacy and numeracy.

I feel privileged to be the Manager of two Preschools which have such strong involvement with their community and are so inclusive and diverse; we look forward to welcoming you and your child into our preschool community and working together to give your child the very best start to their learning journey.



Warm regards

Mary

Mary Lymbourides
Manager
Little Berries Pre-Schools

The dedicated manager leads her team with a clear vision for what she wants children to achieve from the outset.

The manager regularly helps staff to reflect on their own skills and knowledge. Staff feel valued and exceptionally well supported

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Our Settings

Little Berries Preschool operates across two sites in Southampton. We are committed to providing a safe, secure, happy and welcoming environment for all our children and their families.

Across both settings, practitioners provide a holistic education to all children aged 2 to 4 years through our stimulating environment and wide range of activities. Our service is fully inclusive; we value diversity and promote equality.

Little Berries Hollybrook (LB1)



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SENDco: Lauren

Little Berries Bassett (LB2)



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Manager: Mary Lymbourides

SENDco: Paula

Purpose & Values

To holistically educate and care for children aged 2 to 4 years. Valuing all children and parents whatever race, gender, disability and culture.

Our setting aims to:

- Provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age
- Work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop
- Add to the life and well-being of the local community
- Offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.
- Achieve a holistic based provision, not only caring and educating children, but also supporting and meeting the needs of parents and carers
- Ensure the children in our care are encouraged to learn and become independent. By providing a safe enabling environment and a well planned curriculum, so children can learn at their own pace through activities based on their interests.
- Build strong relationships with parents/carers so they are supported, treated with courtesy and understanding and work with the setting to promote their child's learning and development.
- Ensure staff access continuous high quality training, which contributes to the settings quality of service and the provision of a high standard of Pre-School Education.



Children and their families are at the heart of this exceptional and inspiring pre-school.

Children with SEND receive superb support from highly skilled staff.

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Early Years Foundation Stage

At Little Berries we advocate 'learning through play'. It is through this principle that we deliver The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The EYFS sets the standards that we as a provider must meet to ensure that the children attending our settings learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. The EYFS promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

For more information about the EYFS please see our policy available in the polices section of our website or for a range of resources visit; www.foundationyears.org.uk

Learning Journals

As part of the EYFS each key person makes observations, assessments and plans for your child to help them progress through the foundation stage. We record this information in your child's learning journal which can be accessed online through a program called 'Tapestry'.

Tapestry is a system, which is hosted in the UK on secure servers. You will have secure access (via email address and password) to your child's Learning Journal and, in addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to add to it by uploading photos and comments, or commenting on observations made by us.

Ofsted

Little Berries Hollybrook (LB1)

Date of Inspection: 3rd November 2023

- Quality of education — Outstanding
- Behaviour and attitudes — Outstanding
- Personal development — Outstanding
- Leadership and management — Outstanding

Staff form excellent bonds with the children, who are exceptionally emotionally secure. Children settle very quickly and behaviour is exemplary. Children develop impressive levels of independence and show an excellent can-do attitude. They are highly motivated to learn and make rapid progress from their starting points.

Little Berries Bassett (LB2)

Date of Inspection: 27th June 2025

- Quality of education — Outstanding
- Behaviour and attitudes — Outstanding
- Personal development — Outstanding
- Leadership and management — Outstanding

There is a real hive of engaging and meaningful learning. Staff skilfully deploy themselves close by to where children play, providing constant high-quality teaching and interactions

Staff are exceptionally skilful in building on children's learning. For instance, they teach children about mathematical concepts, such as halves and quarters

Safeguarding

Little Berries Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. All adults in our community work together to protect our children. It is our highest priority.

Safeguarding means:

- Safeguard children.
- Ensure the people who have contact with children are suitable.
- Promote good health.
- Support and understand behaviour.
- Maintain records, policies, and procedures.

Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.



The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mary Lymbourides.

The Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Paula and Lauren.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Parents and carers work in partnership with the preschool, and we recognise that from time to time you may need support.

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other child at Little Berries Preschool, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead who knows who to contact for the best advice and help and is experienced in using the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

We have a Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place at the preschool; please visit our website: https://littleberriespreschool.co.uk/ for further information.

Sessions

We offer a variety of session times during term time from Monday to Friday.

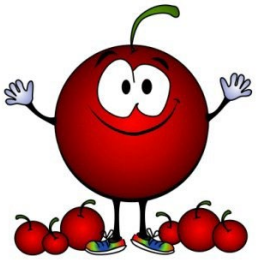
We also run a holiday club at our Hollybrook site for an additional 6 weeks of the year.

Little Berries Hollybrook (LB1)

Session	Timings
Morning	**8:45am - 11:45am**
Afternoon	**12:15pm - 3:15pm**
Pre-School Day	**8:45am - 2:45pm**
Pre-School Day Plus	**8:45am - 3:15pm**
Extended Day	**8:30am - 4:00pm**

Little Berries Bassett (LB2)

Session	Timings
Morning	**9:00am - 12:00pm**
Afternoon	**12:00pm - 3:00pm**
Pre-School Day	**9:00am - 3:00pm**



Fees (where applicable)

Each 3 hour session: £24 for 2 year olds, £21 for 3 years and above.

- Fees should be paid promptly and IN ADVANCE
- You can pay by cash, cheque, BACS, tax free childcare or childcare vouchers
- ALL absences must be paid for
- If you fall into arrears your child's place at preschool will be at risk
- If you wish to reduce your child's sessions we require 4 weeks notice
- Voluntary consumables: up to 15hrs - £20 per month, over 15hrs and up to 23hrs - £30 per month, over 23 hrs - £40. Please see your Terms and Conditions for further details.



Funding

Funding for 2 year olds

Eligible working families can now apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns nine months until they reach school age.

Check eligibility here: Tax-Free Childcare: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK Apply here:

Sign in to HMRC - Sign in to HMRC online services - GOV.UK

Free education and childcare for families of 2-year-olds receiving additional support

If you receive additional support and you meet this eligibility criteria your 2-year-old may also be able to obtain free early education and childcare. You can apply for this through the Citizen Portal: Your Citizen Portal account

You will be asked to complete a parental declaration form and provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

Every 3- and 4-year-old in England is entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare or early edu-cation per week, for 38 weeks. This is a total of 570 hours per year, that you can use flexi-bly with one or more childcare providers. For 3 & 4 year old universal funding, your child is funded from the term AFTER their 3rd birthday. Any hours over the 15 or 30 hour enti-tlement that your child attends pre-school are charged at the rates listed above. You will be asked to complete a parental declaration form once your child has been offered a
place, to receive the free entitlement and provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. These must be returned as soon as possible, otherwise your free entitlement could be delayed and you will be required to pay.

Applying for a Place

If you are interested in sending your child to one of our preschools, we can offer you a tour of the setting where you will get to meet members of our team and see what we do. We are very proud of what we do and love the chance to enthuse about it! It's also a great opportunity to discuss any questions you might have. You are welcome to come and visit the pre-school on any day at any time, all we ask is that you avoid the morning drop off times 8:45/9am and lunch time 11:30am - 12:30pm as these are often our busiest times.

Please complete an online application form to add your child to our waiting list in the apply section of our website. Children can be placed on our waiting list at any time and at any age although we recommend returning your child's application form as soon as possible.

Applications are prioritised by Date of Birth (Children aged 3+ are given priority), spaces are then offered to younger children accordingly. Consideration will be given to the sessions required, availability, age and any specific needs.

We will make you an offer of a preschool place after we have processed your application or your child will be added to the waiting list. Your child will stay on the waiting list for the remainder of the academic year unless you request for them to be removed. At intervals, we will contact the waiting list for renewal. This is to ensure that we hold the most up to date information regarding your requirements. Names will be removed from the waiting list at this point if you do not complete the waiting list renewal form. We will start to contact parents/carers around May of the school year prior to the year of starting.

To accept an offer, the forms must be returned within 14 days or places will be allocated to other children. Once the spaces still available are then calculated, offers will be made to those starting in the spring term and so on.

