



A warm welcome

Quality childcare 0-5 years

Healthy and nutritious menu

A unique learning experience

Natural outdoor learning environment

Opening hours 7.30am - 6.00pm



My Little Kingdom

Welcome to My Little Kingdom Day Nursery, we offer a unique nursery experience, for our little humans.

We have two very spacious gardens which children have direct access to from their main rooms, providing a smooth transition between indoor and outdoor play.

We have designed the gardens to reflect our love of nature and the outdoors and the huge benefits this offers all children.

Our nursery sits within the heart of the local community, where we can really embrace everything it has to offer.

There is a large area of beautiful local woodland and a community allotment within two minutes walking distance which we make effective use of to support children's learning and development.

Our Ethos

Our Ethos is Learning through Nature inspired by the Forest School approach.

The philosophy of a natural learning environment was created in Sweden in the 1950s. The theory behind being outside is that it allows children to connect with nature promoting health and well-being. The outdoor environment gives children a practicable understanding of the world around them.

Our resources will primarily be natural. This enhances children's physical and sensory development and innate investigation, exploration and creative thinking - promoting all round holistic development.

We are very enthusiastic about the Forest School approach and we run programs at our nursery by our qualified Forest School Leader.

'Look deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.'

Einstein

Our Values

We have a clear set of values at My Little Kingdom, which are based around early years pedagogy, child development, theory and an extended home environment.

Our values

- ✓ We have a strong drive to achieve excellence in childcare.
- ✓ To develop and maintain highly skilled and trained nursery practitioners.
- ✓ To provide a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment for our children where the voice of the child is at the heart of our curriculum.
- ✓ To support and empower each child to grow and develop to their full potential.
- ✓ Promote holistic wellbeing and healthy lifestyles for our children and staff.
- ✓ To value our children's individual needs, diversity and promote equal opportunities.
- ✓ Work in partnership with parents, carers and other professional agencies.
- ✓ To create strong connections within the community, to offer the best development opportunities.





Parents and Carers as Partners

My Little Kingdom recognises parents as the first and most important educators of their children. Our practitioners see themselves as partners with parents in providing care and education for their child. Parents have full participatory rights.

Our nursery uses a key person approach. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom they are responsible. Your child's key person will be the main person who works with you to make sure that what we provide is right for your child's needs and interests.

When your child first starts at our nursery, the key person will help your child to settle and support their established home routine. They encourage your child to explore and benefit from all the activities. This system allows us to work in partnership through your child's whole nursery journey.

As well as a key person, we encourage all practitioners to integrate and share the learning journey and needs of each child, gaining the best support and care at this important stage of your child's life.



Your Child's journey with My Little Kingdom

Through frequent, meaningful observation and reflection from our childcare practitioners, we will create enriching activities based on children's own interests. Our practitioners understand that play and hands on experiences are the most effective form of learning.

Our focus is to enable children to explore and investigate through child-initiated play. With the guidance of our practitioners, children will be provided with adult led activities which will be based on broad topics and activities such as seasons, celebrations, cooking and science experiments.

Your child's learning journey helps us to celebrate together their achievements and to work together to provide what your child needs for their well-being and to make progress.

We realise the importance of regular meetings with parents to discuss your child's development and progress, especially during your child's transitioning process to the next room.

Being part of our Nursery

There are many ways in which you and/or a family member can be part of the nursery

- ✓ Exchanging knowledge about your child's needs, activities, interests and progress to enhance and strengthen our observations and planning.
- ✓ Taking part in events and informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the nursery.
- ✓ Joining in community activities in which the nursery takes part.
- ✓ Building friendships with other parents in the setting.
- ✓ Parents can offer to take part in a session by sharing their own interests and skills with the children.
- ✓ We have an open-door policy and welcome parents to drop into the nursery to see it at work or to speak with the practitioners.
- ✓ Attending training courses alongside the nursery team.

Our Rooms

Cherry Blossoms

In our spacious baby room we have an area displaying homely elements. Through providing a calm and nurturing atmosphere, your child will feel safe and secure supporting them to flourish.

Meaningful play opportunities will allow your baby to explore, discover and learn.

You will find real play items to aid exploration and encourage open-ended play.

We will work closely with you to follow routines to ensure consistency and familiarity for your baby.

Ratios are higher ensuring babies get the care and attention they require.

Little Chestnuts Mighty Oaks

The transition is smooth and positive as children move through their EYFS curriculum. Activities will be provided to support children at this developmental stage.

This room has a busy energy as children practice their skills and become more physically independent.

Children will be developing socially, working alongside their peers to form friendships.

Practitioners will continue to support self-care routines whilst encouraging independence.

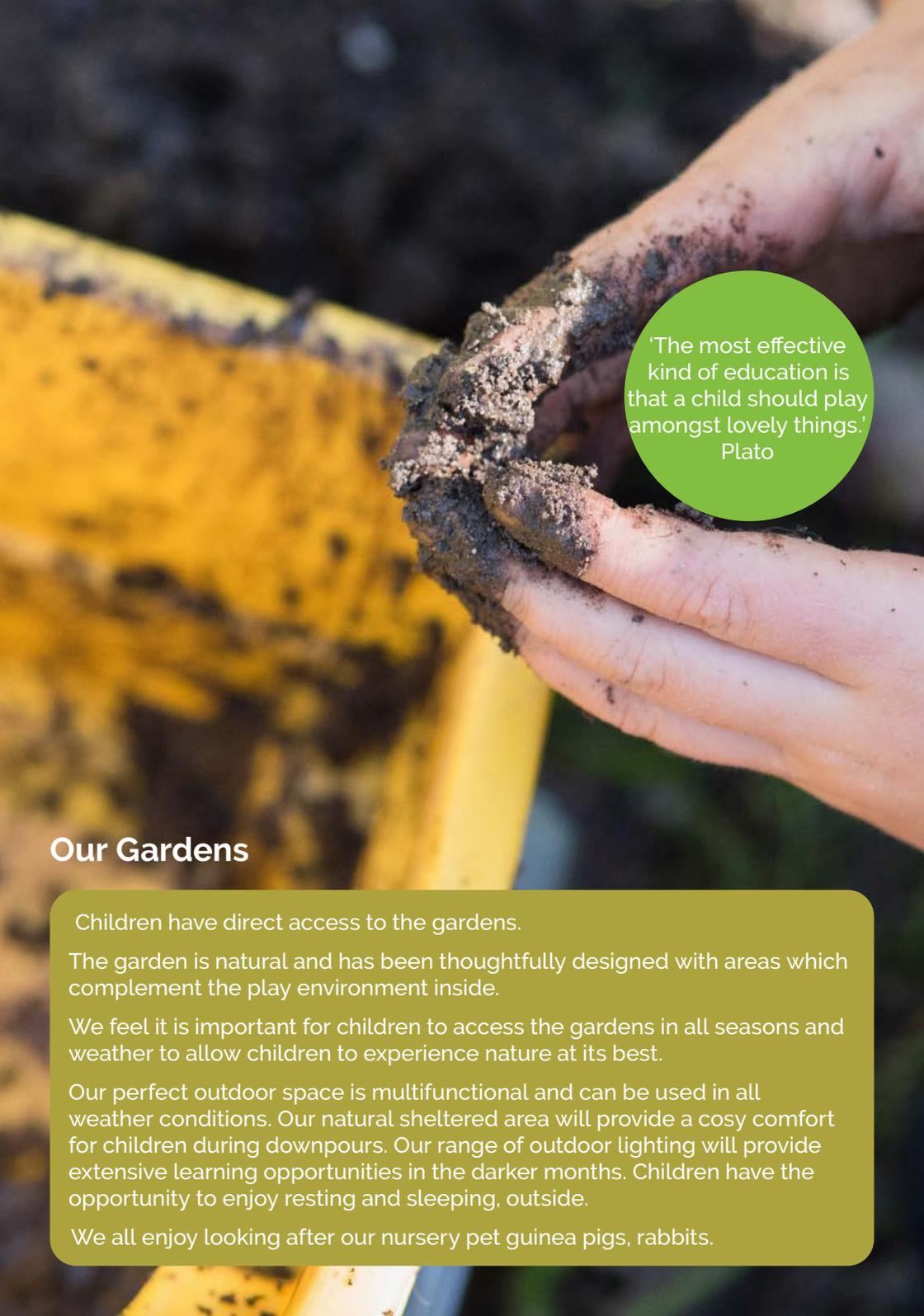
Little Conkers

Is run by a qualified Early Years Teacher who creates a challenging environment, which will provide investigation and problem-solving skills.

Self-reliance is very important at this stage in a child's development. Children will be supported to dress, wash and self-serve their own meals.

Circle time is important for group collaboration, developing speaking, listening and turn taking skills, ready for their transition to school.

We liaise closely with schools in order to fully support each child as they transition.



'The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.'
Plato

Our Gardens

Children have direct access to the gardens.

The garden is natural and has been thoughtfully designed with areas which complement the play environment inside.

We feel it is important for children to access the gardens in all seasons and weather to allow children to experience nature at its best.

Our perfect outdoor space is multifunctional and can be used in all weather conditions. Our natural sheltered area will provide a cosy comfort for children during downpours. Our range of outdoor lighting will provide extensive learning opportunities in the darker months. Children have the opportunity to enjoy resting and sleeping, outside.

We all enjoy looking after our nursery pet guinea pigs, rabbits.



Meal times

Meal times are a very important social aspect of the nursery day.

For our babies, practitioners mirror the feeding routines which are followed at home.

We feel it is important for our older children to experience meal times in a separate environment away from their main play area. We have a spacious dining area primarily used for meal times and cooking.

Our cook produces fresh nutritionally balanced meals to promote your child's health and well being. Our menus change with the seasons offering quality fresh seasonal produce to create nutritional meals. Children have opportunities to explore and experiment with different foods from around the world.

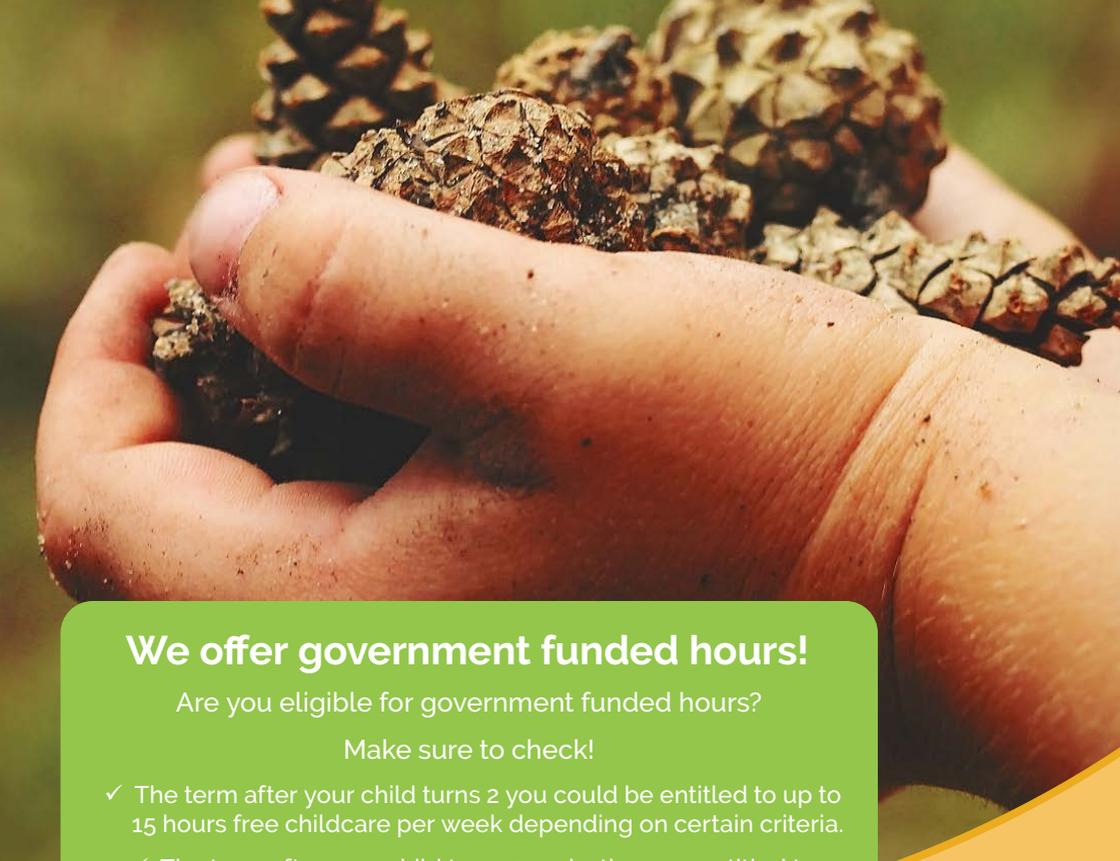
Older children are encouraged to take part in a kitchen assistant role, helping to prepare meals with our cook and set out tables with fresh flowers and table cloths.

Children use the produce which has been grown in our nursery allotment, to cook their own meals and snacks.

Forest School and outdoor cooking is promoted through our amazing Forest School programme and outdoor kitchen facilities.

All dietary's needs and allergens will be met and we have relevant policies and procedures to ensure food safety.





We offer government funded hours!

Are you eligible for government funded hours?

Make sure to check!

- ✓ The term after your child turns 2 you could be entitled to up to 15 hours free childcare per week depending on certain criteria.
- ✓ The term after your child turns 3 and 4 they are entitled to 15 hours free childcare per week.
- ✓ Some 3-4 year olds can get up to 30 hours per week depending on criteria.

Opening times

Our Nursery will be open Monday to Friday

We will offer Full day, morning and afternoon sessions.

Full day – 7.30am – 6.00pm

Morning – 7.30am – 12.30pm

Afternoon – 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Mid day session - 9.00am - 3.30pm

We are open 51 weeks of the year.
We are closed for all Bank Holidays and a week between Christmas and New Year.

Fees

Full day £51

Morning session £32.50

Afternoon session £32

Mid day session £42



What is included in our fees?

Meals and snacks

All meals and snack are provided throughout the nursery day.

Community and Forest School Programmes

My Little Kingdom is situated moments away from many local beauty spots. Going on a bear hunt through the woods, visiting our local allotment, shops and parks and having an adventure on the local bus or train.

Forest school programmes are created by our fantastic Forest School leader.

Online and communication journal

Children aged 0-2 years have a daily communication journal to keep parents up to date about their child's day at nursery.

All parents have access to a secure online journal which provides information regarding the activities and experiences their child has been part of during their nursery day.

What happens next?

On receiving your enrolment form and reservation fee, if we have the availability for the sessions you have requested, we will reserve a place for your child at our nursery.

We will confirm this via email.

On enrolment, you will receive an induction pack containing information regarding our induction procedure.

Inside the pack there will be a Learning and Development plan which we would like you to complete for your child. This will give us an overview of your child's current interests and stage of development.

We will then arrange a convenient time for you and your child to begin their induction.





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