

# Prospectus

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# Welcome



## SOUTH CROYDON

At Little Learners, we operate 3 small and very friendly day nurseries in the Croydon area. Our first nursery in South Croydon was established in 1991 and changed ownership in 2002. West Croydon opened in 2009. Purley opened in 2012.

The early years in a child's life are of vital importance. It is during these years that the foundations for their schooling years and later life are laid. Our aim is to ensure that every child develops his or her full potential in preparation for formal education.

Learning comes naturally to children when the play activities presented are enjoyable and stimulating. Similarly, all exercises related to pre-reading, writing and number work are experienced in a concrete manner where the child learns the use of letters and numbers in his or her daily life. Making a line and counting the children before laying the table are examples.

It is important that a child's early experiences of care and learning are of a high standard and suited to his or her individual needs. We achieve this by working very closely with our parents through daily exchanges of information. As with all quality provisions, Little Learners ensures a safe, caring and happy environment where children thrive and parents achieve peace of mind.

*Jo Bennett*  
Director



## WEST CROYDON



## PURLEY

# Admissions

## Age of Admittance

South and West Croydon accept children aged six (6) weeks to five (5) years. Purley accept children twenty two (22) months to five (5) years.

## Opening Hours

The nursery is open all year round for 51 weeks of the year, Monday to Friday - excluding staff training days, bank holidays and statutory holidays between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Extended opening/closing times can be provided from 7:30am until 6:30pm at an additional cost. We close at 12.30pm on Christmas Eve and re-open the second working day after New Year's Day (the first working day we will be closed for staff training).

Please note: Children will be unable to enter the building before their allocated start time, unless an early drop off session has been pre booked, this is for insurance purposes.

## Parking

The car parking spaces are limited at all the nurseries. At South Croydon parents/carers must only park in one of the four designated spaces and are not permitted to park in the keep clear areas. Parents must not park on the pavement immediately outside the nursery but at busy times should drive around the block until a parking space becomes free.

West Croydon has four parking spaces and Purley has two parking spaces.

Parents must reverse into the parking spaces at all times. Pedestrians must use the designated pathways. Parents must supervise their children in the car parks and exercise great care when driving through the car park. The nursery accepts no responsibility for injury, damage or loss to persons, vehicles or property in the nursery car park.

## Staff

Our recruitment processes are thorough, we carry out checks during the recruitment process as well as ensuring all staff hold a valid DBS during their employment. Our staff are trained in safeguarding, child protection as well as many other courses for continued professional development to ensure the children are supported in a safe, caring and stimulating environment. All of our staff members are Paediatric First Aid trained. When your child joins Little Learners, they will be allocated a key person who is based in their room. The key person will, over time, build up a strong relationship with both parents and children and will support the transition process when the child is ready to move to another room or group.



## Settling-in Procedure

For most children, starting at our nursery is their first experience of being away from the comfort and reassurance of their parents/carers. It can be difficult for some but it is our intention to help all children feel at ease as soon as possible. We do this with the help of parents where during the week prior to starting, there is a gradual build up of the time that the child is left without the parent. The objective is to help the child develop that sense of trust and confidence in the people working with him/her in the nursery. Most children would take an average of about a week to settle into the daily routines of the nursery. However, should your child not settle within a reasonable period of time, we might suggest that you try again sometime later.

## Safeguarding

As a provider of day care, we have a responsibility to safeguard the children's welfare. The responsibility involves recognising, recording, and reporting any signs or incidents, which may harm the child's physical and psychological well being. The Safeguarding Lead for this nursery is the Area Manager. We are also required to record any injuries/bruises etc. that your child comes to nursery with and you will be asked to sign this record. In addition, we have a duty to record the reason for all absences from nursery.

## Sessions

We offer full time and part time sessions as well as 9 month old, 2 year old and 3 & 4 year old funded spaces. All sessions are subject to availability.

### Non Funded Children

8:00am - 6:00pm  
8:30am - 3:30pm  
8:00am - 1:30pm  
1:30pm - 6:00pm

### Funded Children

8:00am - 6:00pm  
8:30am - 3:30pm  
7:30am - 1:00pm  
8:00am - 1:30pm  
1:00pm - 6:30pm  
1:30pm - 6:00pm

For more information on our sessions, pricing and funding guidance including how to apply, please refer to our Fees & Funding document.

## Extra Curricular Activities

We are pleased to be able to provide Yoga, Sports and French lessons weekly on rotation at our three settings at no extra charge to enhance the children's learning.



# Early Years Foundation Stage

We follow the Statutory Early Years Foundation stage framework (EYFS) and use Birth to 5 matters to support the implementation of the EYFS for all of the children who attend the nursery. The framework is grouped into

## FOUR PRINCIPLES:

### A Unique Child

Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured.

### Positive Relationships

Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key person.

### Enabling Environments

Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents/carers.

### Learning and Development

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates, and all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.

Learning and development is divided into 7 different areas, **PRIME AND SPECIFIC** and through play these areas are covered.

The prime areas are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

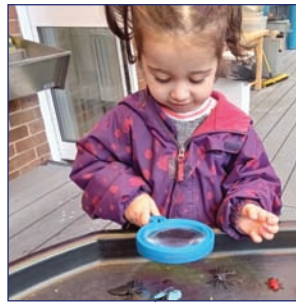
The specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding The World
- Expressive Arts and Design

If you would like any further information on the Early Years Foundation Stage or Birth to 5 matters you can download the documents from the following websites;

Early Years Foundation Stage – [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Birth to 5 matters – [www.birthto5matters.org.uk](http://www.birthto5matters.org.uk)



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

One of the main aims of being in a nursery is the opportunity for all young ones to experience life outside the confines of their homes. It is at the nursery that children learn there are others like them with the same personal and emotional needs. Turn taking and sharing are perhaps the first experiences which most young children encounter. They also form the basis of relationships with other adults and children who may come from different backgrounds and cultures.

Various topics based on the young children's experiences are often explored and presented. Multi-cultural celebrations and customs are introduced in the hope that children will grow to understand and respect people from different lands and diverse needs. We celebrate all major festivals of different faiths during the year with stories, art and craft activities, cooking, decorations and occasionally outings

## Physical Development

We have a garden where our children can exercise their large motor skills like climbing, running, and balancing. Inside we develop the children's fine motor skills by using pencils/pens, scissors, threading, using a knife and fork etc.

## Communication and Language

We provide activities related to language acquisition through:

- Story telling and role-play which includes dressing up or experiencing the home corner which takes many forms, e.g. a bookshop, a hairdressing salon or a surgery.
- Circle Time where children learn to listen and discuss various topics of interest e.g. the weather, the days of the week and their own personal experiences.

## Literacy, Songs and Rhymes

- The book corner where children develop an interest for print and pictures.  
Where children acquire vocabulary and rhythm through familiar and new nursery songs and rhymes.

## Mathematics

We ensure learning mathematical concepts by providing the following:

- Materials for sorting, matching and measuring e.g. puzzles and coloured cubes.
- Activities where children explore shape, size, weight and length e.g. cooking.
- Interactive computer software, which are set up in the computer area.

## Understanding the World

We aim to:

- Introduce and extend the children's knowledge and understanding of Science and the world around them.
- Explore and enjoy natural materials and their qualities e.g. sand, water and clay.
- Encourage outdoor pursuits through visits to the library and local shops.
- Invite members from the local community like a firefighter, a police officer and a dentist for talks and presentations to encourage personal and social awareness.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We encourage expressive arts and design through story telling, drama, role play, music and movement, drawing and painting with various medium, design and technology where children learn to use various tools like the scissors, glue spreaders and sellotape to create two and three-dimensional models. Clay/playdough is also used to help children learn how to sculpt and develop a sensorial approach to learning.

Each child has their own online Learning Journal which is used to enhance the teaching and learning of all areas of the curriculum and to actively involve parents with their child/children's learning. If a child attends up to 2 sessions a week we aim to upload a weekly observation. For children attending 3 sessions a week or above we will upload 2 observations per week. We welcome parent contributions via the WOW moments section.



**Guidance  
by the sector,  
for the sector**

## Child's Voice

"We can play with cars and I can draw my name"

"I like painting"

"I like cuddles from Chloe"  
(key person)

"I like to play football at nursery and making pretend dinner for my friends"

"I love to climb on the climbing frame and run around the garden"

"I like to play with playdough"

"I like to play in the water tray"

"I like playing with the tools in the garden"

"I like to build with the little lego"

"I can see my friends. I like to play with the dinosaurs and trains"

"I like to help feed the pets"

"We have lots and lots of toys to play with"



# Our Day at Little Learners



## Baby Room Routine

- 08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast
- 09:00 - 09:40 - Free Flow Activities
- 09:40 - 09:45 - Rhyme Time
- 09:45 - 10:00 - Handwashing
- 10:00 - 10:15 - Snack Time & Milk
- 10:15 - 11:20 - Free Flow Activities
- 11:20 - 11:30 - Handwashing / Prep for Lunch
- 11:30 - 12:00 - Lunch
- 12:00 - 13:50 - Sleep
- 13:50 - 14:00 - Snack
- 14:00 - 15:45 - Free Flow Play
- 15:45 - 15:50 - Rhyme Time
- 15:50 - 16:00 - Handwashing
- 16:00 - 16:30 - Tea
- 16:30 - Collection - Free Flow Play

## 2's, 3's & 4's Routine

- 08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast
- 09:00 - 09:45 - Adult Led & Free Flow Activities
- 09:45 - 09:50 - Handwashing
- 09:50 - 10:05 - Snack Time & Milk
- 10:15 - 11:15 - Adult Led & Child's Choice Activities
- 11:15 - 11:25 - Circle Time
- 11:25 - 11:30 - Handwashing
- 11:30 - 12:00 - Lunch
- 12:00 - 13:50 - Sleep (if required)
- 13:50 - 14:00 - Snack
- 14:00 - 15:40 - Adult Led & Child's Choice Activities
- 15:40 - 15:50 - Circle Time
- 15:50 - 16:00 - Handwashing
- 16:00 - 16:30 - Tea
- 16:30 - Collection - Child's Choice Activities

We support children with their individual sleep patterns, some children may have a morning and afternoon sleep. We will work with parents/carers during the settling in process to discuss your child's individual needs and routine. Nappies are changed at least 3 times a day as well as when needed.





# Fees and Conditions - Fees from 1st SEPTEMBER 2024

## Non Funded Children

### 8.00am until 6.00pm

Full week	£1,551.25 per month or £365.00 per week
4 full days a week	£1,241.00 per month or £292.00 per week
3 full days a week	£930.75 per month or £219.00 per week
2 full days a week	£620.50 per month or £146.00 per week
1 full day a week	£310.25 per month or £73.00 per week

### 8.30am until 3.30pm, subject to availability

Full week	£1,423.75 per month or £335.00 per week
4 days a week	£1,139.00 per month or £268.00 per week
3 days a week	£854.25 per month or £201.00 per week
2 days a week	£569.50 per month or £134.00 per week
1 day a week	£284.75 per month or £67.00 per week

### 8.00am until 1.30pm, subject to availability

5 mornings a week	£892.50 per month or £210.00 per week
4 mornings a week	£714.00 per month or £168.00 per week
3 mornings a week	£535.50 per month or £126.00 per week
2 mornings a week	£357.00 per month or £84.00 per week
1 morning a week	£178.50 per month or £42.00 per week

### 1.30pm until 6.00pm, subject to availability

5 afternoons a week	£807.50 per month or £190.00 per week
4 afternoons a week	£646.00 per month or £152.00 per week
3 afternoons a week	£484.50 per month or £114.00 per week
2 afternoons a week	£323.00 per month or £76.00 per week
1 afternoon a week	£161.50 per month or £38.00 per week

(The above monthly fees have been based on 51 weeks per annum as there is no charge for the one week closure over the Christmas period).

Fees include nappies and wipes up to the age of 3 years if required. Fees also include formula milk up to the age of 1 year old, cows milk thereafter, all meals, drinks and snacks.

### Early drop off and late collection sessions

Early sessions between 7.30am and 8.00am are charged at £4.50 per session.

Late sessions between 6.00pm and 6.30pm are charged at £4.50 per session.

5 days early or lates	£95.50 per month or £22.50 per week
4 days early or lates	£76.50 per month or £18.00 per week
3 days early or lates	£57.25 per month or £13.50 per week
2 days early or lates	£38.25 per month or £9.00 per week
1 day early or lates	£19.00 per month or £4.50 per week

## Other Sessions Available

### Hourly rate

You can book sessions at your convenience at an hourly rate of £15.00 (subject to availability).

2.5 hour sessions are charged at £25.00 per session.



## Fees For 9 Months Old, Two Year Old And Early Years Funded

Children whom attend all year (funding amount already deducted):

You will receive 11 hours per week funding based on our daily rate, there will be an additional charge of £9.50 or £4.75 on half day sessions on your funded day for meals, extra curricular activities and sundries.

### 8.00am until 6.00pm

Full week	£1,250.50 per month or £294.25 per week
4 full days a week	£940.25 per month or £221.25 per week
3 full days a week	£630.00 per month or £148.25 per week
2 full days a week	£319.75 per month or £75.25 per week
1 full day a week	£40.25 per month or £9.50 per week

Please note that part time sessions are not available for under 22 month olds at our West Croydon branch and we have limited availability at our South Croydon branch, so early booking is advised.

### 8.00am until 1.30pm

5 mornings a week	£575.75 per month or £135.50 per week
4 mornings a week	£397.25 per month or £93.50 per week
3 mornings a week	£218.75 per month or £51.50 per week

### 7.30am until 1.00pm

2 mornings a week	£40.25 per month or £9.50 per week
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### 1.30pm until 6.00pm

5 afternoons a week	£524.75 per month or £123.50 per week
4 afternoons a week	£363.25 per month or £85.50 per week
3 afternoons a week	£201.75 per month or £47.50 per week

### 1.00pm until 6.30pm

1 afternoon a week	£40.25 per month or £9.50 per week
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Please note that we do not offer any single half day slots for any funded sessions, the minimum attendance is two half day sessions per week for funded sessions.

For disadvantaged 2 years old funding and early years funding 15 hours, 3 years old funding only, please discuss alternative options and availability direct with the admissions team.

If your preference is a mix of sessions and your fees are not listed, please ask a member of the management team to work them out for you.

## 30 hours funding for 3 and 4 year olds

We offer 30 hours in the following ways:

### Option 1:

3 days attendance all year around (you will receive 22 hours free and pay for 8 hours of our daily rate, not our hourly rate. You will be required to pay £9.50 per day for 2 days towards meals, extra curricular activities and sundries. At our current daily rate including additional costs would be £77.50 per week).

### Option 2:

5 mornings attendance all year around (you will receive 22 hours free and pay for one morning at £39.50 and £4.75 per day for 4 days towards meals, extra curricular activities and sundries. So at our current rate including additional costs would be £61.00 per week).

### Option 3:

5 afternoons attendance all year around (you will receive 22 hours free and pay for one afternoon at £35.50 and £4.75 per day for 4 days towards meals, extra curricular activities and sundries. So at our current rate including additional costs would be £57.00 per week).

For more information on 30 hours funding fees, please refer to our Fee & Funding document.

## Parent Testimonials

"My two daughters have both attended Little Learners Nursery and they both wish they could go back. They always enjoyed each day and always spoke highly of the staff there. I highly recommend this nursery as they really care for your child. I am expecting my third child soon and I will definitely be enrolling the baby at Little Learners Nursery South Croydon."

### Little Learners South Croydon

"Our daughter has been attending the nursery since October 2022 and has come on in leaps and bounds since attending! We couldn't thank all the staff enough for their continued support and encouragement. She absolutely loves attending nursery, loves all her teachers and has made some lovely friends, the activities that are carried out are excellent, and I am so happy we chose for her to come to this nursery. Communication between parents and teachers is brilliant, always kept up to date on her progress. The garden area is what made our decision for this nursery and we love that it is used all year round. Thank you again for helping her grow everyone."

### Little Learners South Croydon

"The nursery is amazing! All staff are friendly welcoming, and great support for my little one developing! We love how many variety of activities they have prepared for children and love to see pictures on the learning website. My little one absolutely loves to go there and comes home very happy. We definitely made the best choice when choosing Little Learners West Croydon."

### Little Learners West Croydon

"My twins absolutely love attending here and have settled in extremely well. They are always excited for nursery and always have smiles on their faces when collected. The staff are very friendly and always keep me up to date on their progress at the end of the session."

### Little Learners West Croydon

"Brilliant nursery, the staff are really lovely, my son has developed so well there, I love the variety of activities they do with the children, they make learning fun. I feel my son is in good hands, I love that it is a small and intimate nursery, the staff know exactly what each child ate, drank, slept, played that day and I love that drop off and pick up is one child at a time through a locked door. Children are very safe."

### Little Learners Purley

"Both of my children have attended Little Learners Day Nursery Purley over the years. My daughter attended 7 years ago and my son has just finished nursery for school. I genuinely believe that we struck gold with Little Learners. It's a wonderful nursery, in a lovely setting, with kind, knowledgeable and caring staff. Our little boy has a speech delay and the nursery manager went above and beyond to make nursery a welcoming place for him. She has helped him so much and we will always be extremely grateful to her and the rest of the staff for their time and care. He came on so much during his time at Little Learners. This is a truly caring and nurturing nursery and I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to anyone searching for a nursery for their child."

### Little Learners Purley





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