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## Introduction

Welcome to Little Footprints Montessori Nursery. Our dedicated nursery team are totally committed to each and every child and are trained to provide the best care experience. We recognise that our staff represent Little Footprints greatest asset. Our business and commitment to you depends on our employees being motivated, committed and educated so that they continue to consistently deliver a high-quality practice.

## Why Choose Little Footprints?

At Little Footprints, we recognise the importance of working in a true partnership with our parents. We recognise that you provide your child's primary care and education, and that you know your child best. We endeavour to build the very best relationships with the parents and carers of all the children who attend the nursery. We believe in an open-door policy and we will always welcome parents' comments and observations so that we can work together to provide the right balance for your child.

Parents are always consulted on issues that affect the welfare, well-being, learning and development of their children. We ensure that your child's key person shares information about their care and development on a regular basis and staff are always available to share information about your children on a daily basis either when dropping your child off or collecting them. In addition, you are always welcome to speak to members of senior management.

Throughout your child's time at nursery we will observe and monitor your child's progress and record this in their 'Learning Journey'. You will be welcome to view this at any time through our on-line portal, although you may prefer to attend one of our parent evenings held throughout the year.

We will also keep you updated with regular newsletters detailing events within the nursery and questionnaires enabling us to evaluate the services we provide for you and your child at Little Footprints. We will explore with you the best way to keep you in touch and updated with your child's progress.

## Our sessions

We offer spaces to children from the age of 2 years old until children go to school at 5 Years old. We are open 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, term time only with holiday clubs. We follow West Berkshire Council's School Term dates. The current choices of sessions are as follows:

8am – 1pm

8am – 3pm

8am – 6pm

9am – 3pm

1pm – 6pm

(Holiday club timings may vary subject to T's and C's)

We operate from two very large rooms, one upstairs and one down stairs in the Parish centre, attached to St Mary's Church in Burghfield. Parents provide healthy snacks and a pack lunch, and we provide tea in the afternoons. We use the Montessori way of teaching the children which we feel adds breadth to the children's learning. We have a wide range of resources which support all 7 areas of learning set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. Here are some examples:

- Real life props, such as brushes and gardening tools
- Small-world toys to help build a child's imagination and language skills
- Construction play such as building blocks, to help children develop fine motor skills, spatial awareness and problem solving
- Physical play equipment such as tricycles, balancing beams and tunnels to encourage physical activity
- Creative play to build a child's imagination, creativity and co-ordination
- Supporting social interaction, including role play, den making, and small group activities
- Yoga sessions
- Music and dance sessions

In addition to the activities indoors, we have a large playground outside with two large sheds filled with exciting activities, the children can also explore and use the church grounds, as well as the use of our minibus for Forest School and our own allotment plot for growing and digging.

## Our aims and philosophy

We provide quality care, and adopt a practical child-centred approach, where children are respected as individuals and encouraged to learn and develop at their own pace within a home from home environment. Our outstanding care ensures every child's interests, safety and happiness is central to everything we do.

We combine the care of a secure homely environment with many opportunities to challenge and develop your child to really benefit from both the opportunities on the inside as well as the nature and the outdoors.

## Safety

At Little Footprints we take your child's safety extremely seriously, and safeguarding children will always be our number one priority. With this in mind, we heavily supervise visitors in and out of the building and if our team members do not know who is at the door, the visitor is not let into the building until management check and authorise entry. This means you can feel reassured that with us, your child will be happy, safe and secure.

Please remember it is vitally important for the safety of all our children that you close the door securely behind you and that you do not hold the door open for other people. Everyone is asked to use the doorbell to gain access into the building. Visitors to the nursery will be asked to sign in and out to record their visit.

## Visit Us

We are always happy to show parents and children around and welcome your enquiry. Please call us or email to make a booking. Please allow at least an hour for your visit so you can have a good look around and we can discuss your specific needs in detail.

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