



# *Prospectus*

### About Little Fields Pre-School:

Little Fields Pre-School opened in September 1997. It offers pre-school facilities for children from 2 years and 2 months old.

Little Fields was adopted officially by Fairfields Primary School and Nursery in January 2009. It now forms part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and is managed by a Management Committee comprising of the Pre-School Leader (Mrs Hammond), the EYFS Leader (Mrs Smith), and the Deputy Headteacher at Fairfields Primary School and Nursery (Mrs Tohill.)

The Pre-School is open to any child regardless of which primary school they will eventually attend, however please bear in mind that attending the Pre-School does not guarantee a place in the main school. Admission to Fairfields Primary School and Nursery follows Hertfordshire Education Authority's criteria, a copy of which is available at the school office.

Children whose parents are in receipt of 2 year funding are welcome. Please contact the Pre-School for further details about this.



## A typical session at Little Fields Pre-School:

8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	10:15am	10:30am	10:45am	11:00am	11:30am	11:45am
<p>Pre - school opens.</p> <p>Children hang up coats and bags.</p> <p>We do Self - registration and put our slippers on.</p>	<p>Choosing time/ free flow garden</p> <p>Each area is set up ready for the children to choose what they'd like to play with.</p> <p>A craft activity is available every day. We have a Tuft tray.</p> <p>Water/sand and painting at the easel amongst other engaging activities.</p>	<p>Tidy up time!</p> <p>A staff member shakes the tambourine as a signal to tidy up.</p> <p>"Hands in the air, give them a wiggle, give them a wave, give them a clap, let's put all the toys back."</p>	<p>Phonics</p> <p>We break up into 3 small groups to do Phase 1 phonic related activities. These are planned and resources are prepared in advance.</p>	<p>Snack</p> <p>The children all sit together for a social snack time. They practise healthy eating, turn taking and sharing.</p>	<p>Story time!</p> <p>We read an age-appropriate story to the whole group.</p> <p>This is sometimes topic related.</p> <p>We usually read the same story for a week to provide repetition.</p>	<p>Garden</p> <p>The children change into the shoes and weather appropriate clothing and we all go outside.</p> <p>The garden is set up with sand/ water, mud kitchen, role play, drawing, tuft tray amongst other engaging activities.</p>	<p>Song time</p> <p>We use a song board and a music bag so the children can choose which songs we sing.</p> <p>We use singing hands, sometimes we partake in yoga (cosmic kids) and learn Nursery Rhymes.</p>	<p>Home time</p> <p>We all say goodbye and look forward to the next day with our friends.</p>

Nappies are changed as and when needed throughout the session. We are more than happy to support with toilet training.



We all love reading and sharing stories!

The children regularly enjoy some quiet time with a book.

Throughout the year we aim to celebrate and get involved with as many events as possible.  
For example:

- Sports day
- Teddy bears' picnic
- World Book Day
- Comic Relief
- Children in Need
- Christmas concert
- Christmas party
- Diwali
- Halloween

(Where possible, we invite parents in for some of these events)

We follow the EYFS curriculum; the areas of learning are as follows:

- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and design

We document every child's achievements using an educational software tool called 'Tapestry'. Parents /carers will receive pictures and videos of their child's time with us.



The children absolutely love water play! We put different things in it to give them a range of experiences. For example, soap to make it bubbly, glitter, pots, funnels, to name a few.

Uniform is not compulsory but is encouraged. It comprises of a green sweatshirt and polo top with our logo.

Leggings or jogging bottoms are preferred and comfortable Velcro shoes.

Having fun in the mud kitchen!

We adapt this provision regularly to give the children new experiences.



## Testimonials

"I have been very pleased with all of the teachers at Little Fields. They work very hard to create a safe and inviting environment. The teachers are attentive and nurturing.... The communication between the teachers and parents is fantastic. Tapestry is regularly updated and the activities are engaging..."

"We are so incredibly lucky to have got a space here. T\*\*\*\*\* has thrived and has been in an environment I never could have given her at home.... I wish (and I'm sure she does too) that T\*\*\*\*\* could stay here forever..."

"The teachers at pre school have been amazing. They are so warm and friendly and work so hard.... Thank you for taking such good care of my A\*\*, will miss you loads."

"Thank you so much for all your time, effort and pure happiness every morning through these hard times. R\*\* has grown so much as a little girl and I'm sure most of it is down to you guys..."

"You have all been so amazing with S\*\*\*\*\*. You have supported her to make amazing friendships, She tells all our family how much she loves you all..."

"Coming to Little Fields has helped with M\*\*\*\*\* confidence and I can't thank you enough for everything..."

"Thank you for making E\*\*\*\*\* feel so welcome. She always skips in with a bright smile, and always tells us how much fun she has had with you all... You are all fantastic, keep up the great work"

"Amazing staff with such a heartfelt, caring mindset... Each teacher makes the effort to engage with the children and help them develop their skills..."

"Thank you all for your hard work, caring manner and absolute dedication to the children in your care..."

"I can't thank you all enough, you truly are amazing, and I know J\*\*\*\* will miss you all, but will never forget you."