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Day Nursery

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*"the independent amongst the giants"*

# ***PROSPECTUS***

**Little Cherubs Day Nursery is committed to providing children with safe, stimulating and secure daycare that gives parents peace of mind with the knowledge that their children are safe**

- Privately owned vibrant nursery offering day care for children from 3 months to 5 years, including free pre-school sessions for 3 & 4 year olds
- Our bubbly team of experienced staff are devoted to their vocation and dedicated to ensuring your children find their time with us stimulating, enjoyable and fun
- Each child has a dedicated key worker who is mainly responsible for their well being
- OFSTED Registered
- Little Cherubs Day Nursery is involved in the Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance Scheme which incorporates Investors In Children
- NurseryCam installed to provide a wonderful insight into your children's day

## *The Nursery*

Little Cherubs is a privately owned nursery sharing the grounds of St Mary & St George's Church. Although we are not connected to the church it does provide us with additional facilities such as plenty of safe, off-street parking for our parents to drop off and pick up their children.

It also gives us peaceful, secluded surroundings away from the main roads and busy traffic but is less than a five minute drive from the centre of High Wycombe and the M40.

The nursery is open from 7:45am through to 6:15pm every day from Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays and 1 week during the Christmas period.

Little Cherubs has an enclosed outside play area which is used for traditional play as well as an outside "classroom". We have a separate music and water area which are very popular, along with a quiet area where children can draw or read seated around our stimulating "chalkboard table". The children have an opportunity to try out some flower gardening and growing their own vegetables. There is a nature section where the children have access to binoculars to carry out a spot of bird watching and mini-beast spotting.



Whilst inside we have the following rooms:

### ***The Cherubs Room for babies of 3 to 15 months :***

Each baby has a key worker who keeps you abreast with your child's progress on a daily basis through daily diaries and ongoing progress reports.

The children are kept busy with activities such as painting, water, sand and spaghetti play, music and singing! Learning is based on the "Birth to 3 matters" framework which is to support children in their earliest years. It promotes a strong child who is a skilled communicator, a competent learner and a healthy child.

Young children are cared for in a very loving and homely environment, each has their own cot.

Prior to joining, we carefully obtain details of the babies' feeding

### *The Nursery continued...*

and sleeping routines, which are documented daily as well as keeping progress charts on crawling, walking, talking etc. We liaise with parents during the weaning stages.

All essential baby provisions excluding baby milk, are supplied by us. These include nappies, creams and feeds. Each baby has their own drawer where spare provisions such as clothes and bibs are kept.

#### ***The Angels Room for 15 to 30 months :***

We offer a more structured day for this age group with activities including imaginative play, themed art activities, outdoor play and early numeracy and writing learnt through singing and music.

Each child's work is kept safe in their own individual drawer where parents will be able to view their child's work or take it home. Development reports are kept up to date by the children's key-workers and potty training will be introduced. Children who still require a nap will be able to do so as and when required.

#### ***The Saints Room for 3 to 5 years of age :***

Our activities are focused around the foundation stage, forming our weekly curriculum. Our objective is essentially to prepare your child for full time education, and to ensure that this is done as effectively as possible, we have now recruited a qualified teacher to guide and encourage our children. The school room is where we do small group activities for example listening games, news time, phonics (letters and how they sound) and numeracy.



We work to a planned curriculum which comprises structured themes such as topics on the weather, colours, numbers, shapes etc; as well as a broad choice of play activities that we place great emphasis on.

We hold daily singing music/movement sessions which are accompanied by an electric piano and the children actively use the more simple musical instruments.

The children are encouraged to enjoy books and familiarise themselves with a computer.

## *Nursery Cam*

Little Cherubs is very excited about this new system which was installed into the Nursery in September 2006. This is a CCTV and SECURE Webcam facility which allows parents to view live images of their children in the nursery during the day over the internet.

Nursery Cam is video only, so no sound is heard. It is designed to allow parents to see their children from anywhere, be it at work, at home or on a business trip overseas. There is no special software required, just an internet connection. Image update rate varies according to the type of internet connection parents have, but you could expect up to 2 frames per second.

Security is the highest priority within the system, the same technologies and processes as on-line banking and military organisations are employed.

What parents at other nurseries have said.....

*“Sitting at work after 6 months maternity leave, 1st week back and thinking what am I doing here. I just wanted to see my baby! Thinking, what is she doing now, is she missing me, I logged in and she was asleep! So I knew she was OK. Thank you, this is such a wonderful idea”*

*“When I am at college I enjoy seeing what my child is doing, as sometimes he gets upset when I leave him in the morning, so it's nice to see if he is ok and playing happily”*

If you have any further queries regarding this facility please feel free to request an information sheet from the Nursery Manager.



### *Our Staff*

The vetting procedure for nursery nurse employment is strict and includes Police checks (CRB). At least 75% of our team are qualified to NNEB/NVQ level 2 and 3. Little Cherubs operates a continuous in-house training program to improve the quality of care offered to our clients.

#### *Staff Ratios :*

Little Cherubs work to a high ratio of staff to children to ensure your child has a high level of care. The ratios differ according to the age group of children :

Under 2 years old	1 adult to 3 children
2 to 3 years old	1 adult to 4 children
3 years +	1 adult to 8 children



#### *First Aiders:*

There is a first aid box complying with the health and safety (First Aid) regulations 1981, the contents of which are checked frequently and replaced. This is kept in an accessible place out of the reach of children.

The nursery has two qualified first aiders.

#### *Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance Scheme:*

Little Cherubs Day Nursery is involved in the Buckinghamshire Quality Assurance Scheme with the Bucks County Council, which gives parents peace of mind that the care offered to their children is of the highest standard. This incorporates "Investors in Children".

### *Our Curriculum*

Once a child has moved on from the “Birth to 3 matters” framework, the foundation stage curriculum is introduced which has long, medium and short term goals for the children to achieve by the time they move onto primary school. Each room has a curriculum based on the children’s individual needs. There are six main areas of learning:

- Communication, language and literacy development
- Mathematical development
- Physical development
- Creative development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Knowledge and understanding of the world

Through these areas the activities and play opportunities are planned.

Staff encourage the children to be confident, independent and develop their self-esteem.

Our staff help children to learn what is right and wrong.

Children are given the opportunity to be active indoors and out, as well as time to relax and maybe have a little sleep.



### *Our Policies and Procedures*

To ensure the nursery runs safely, smoothly and efficiently we have policies and procedures for staff to follow. For your general information some are listed below :

#### *Equal Opportunities:*

The nursery is dedicated to a policy of equal opportunity. We recognise that equal opportunity and worth is very important and that we are committed to ensuring access for all to our nursery whether it is for childcare or for a job.

All children, regardless of the above mentioned will be encouraged to express themselves in all aspects of play and encouraged to learn to work together co-operatively and constructively.

#### *Special Needs:*

Little Cherubs welcomes all children and families irrespective of their needs. We will provide an appropriate learning environment valuing all abilities and maximising each child's potential.

#### *Sickness and Medication:*

Medicines are stored in their original containers, clearly labelled and inaccessible to children. Medicines are not usually administered unless they have been prescribed for that child by a doctor. The parent gives prior written permission to administer any medication. Written records are kept of all medicines administered to children, and parents sign the record book to acknowledge the entry.

There is a policy about the exclusion of children who are ill or infectious which is discussed with parents. This includes a procedure for contacting parents or another adult designated by the parent if a child becomes ill whilst in our care.

#### *Security:*

The security of the children is extremely important to the nursery, the main entrance to the nursery is always locked and a key fob system is currently being installed to ensure only authorised personnel can gain entrance. In addition, the door to each room is locked at all times, but are equipped with fire exits to ensure the safety of children and staff.

### *Menu Example*

Please find an example of one of our weekly menus. We ensure that the children receive nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day.

All of our food is prepared from scratch each day from fresh ingredients by our experienced Nursery Chef. Janet has years of experience and is always introducing fun, nutritious meals to the menu.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
SNACK	Pitta bread & dip Milk	Cheese & Pineapple cube mix Milk	Carrot sticks & dip Milk	Yoghurt & Fruit Milk	Marmite & butter on toast Milk
LUNCH	Penne basil & tomato sauce Fruit Salad Water	Chicken pie Strawberry jelly Water	Beef stroganoff & rice Vanilla ice-cream Water	Lasagne Chocolate sponge and cream Water	Potato & mushroom pie Chocolate ice-cream Water
TEA	Cheese & ham sandwiches Juice	Potato wedges & dip Juice	Beans on toast Juice	Pitta bread & cheese Juice	Sausage rolls Yoghurt Juice

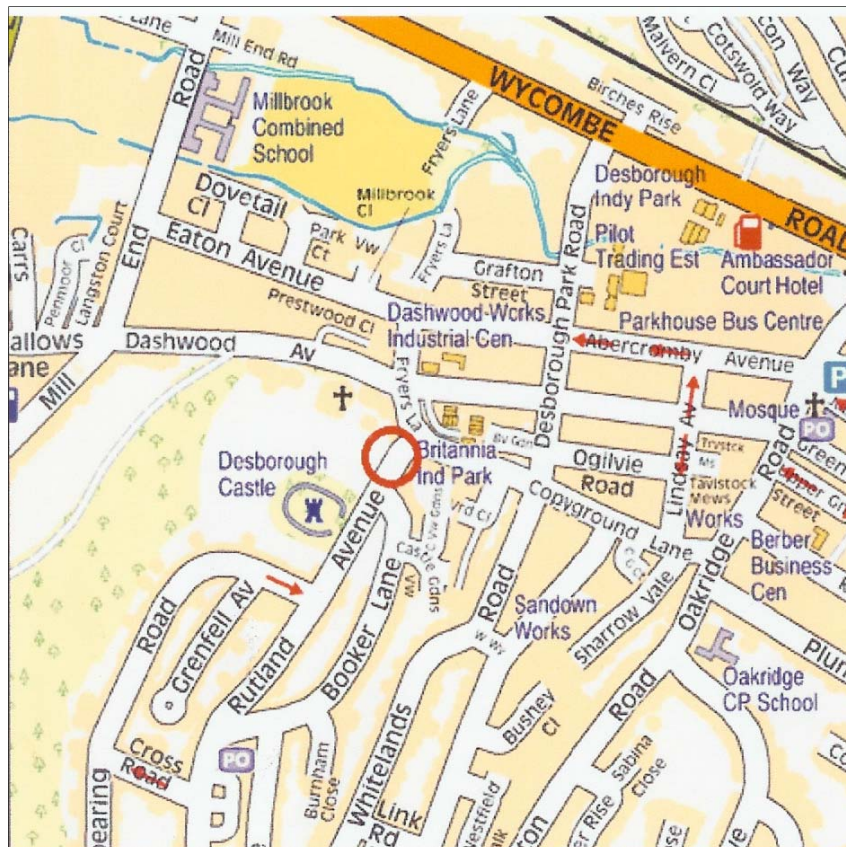
### *Little Cherubs— The “Green” Nursery*

At Little Cherubs, we are extremely proud of the fact that we have managed to reduce our waste going to landfill sites by at least half since we began our recycling program.

We have introduced recycling boxes throughout the nursery which sorts our waste into paper, card, plastics, metals, food wastes and miscellaneous. Our staff take the children just up the road to the recycling point once a week where they deposit bottles and plastics. Our food waste is deposited into our on-site compost bin which is then used to fertilise our flowers and vegetable garden.

We hope that by encouraging the children to participate in recycling from an early age they will be influenced to recycle into later life.

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