



Join our flock of little marsh sheep whom we nurture to flourish.



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WHY LITTLE SHEEP MARSH IS THE PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD

At Little Sheep Marsh Nursery we believe that children need to feel safe and nurtured in a secure, stimulating environment which feels like a "home from home".

Little Sheep Marsh is set within Marshchapel Infant School and provides high quality early years provision for children from the term following their 2nd birthday.

Children learn alongside our reception children in their own designated room and are taught by an experienced teacher, in addition to two early years practitioners.

We recognise that choosing your child's pre-school is one of the first important decisions you will make regarding your child's education. We hope that this booklet will answer some of the questions you may have.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We welcome visitors because our provision speaks for itself.





OUR AIMS

Our Mission Statement

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Our Aims and Values

Children should be children and learn through child-initiated play to enhance all areas of learning. We are an inclusive practice and follow the every child matters philosophy. Every child is special and unique, their sadness is comforted, their joy is shared and their accomplishments are praised. The transition from toddler to child is a special period in life. This is a stage in which children begin to acquire important environment, social and learning skills and show signs of individual talents and behaviour. We will provide a safe and stimulating environment that values and respects every child.

Activities will be designed to meet your child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. Your child will be encouraged to reach their full potential.

We will:

- Provide high quality early years provision
- Work in partnership with parents to help children learn and develop
- Promote positive attitudes to self and others by valuing equality and diversity
- Provide a smooth transition into Marshchapel Infant School



Sessions available

Morning sessions 9.15am - 12.15pm

Afternoon sessions 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Full day sessions 9.15am - 3.15pm

(For afternoon & full day sessions a packed lunch or hot dinner is required)

Additional sessions can be booked at a cost of £12.00 per session.

Early Years Entitlement

All children are entitled to a free early years place for 15 hours in the term following their 3rd birthday. (September, January, April with the cut-off date for birthdays to secure funding is 31st August, 31st December, 31st March)

Your child can access their free place with no more than 2 providers registered with the local authority, not exceeding 15 hours per week.

30 hours free childcare is also available for eligible 3 and 4 year olds, as well as 15 hours for eligible 2 year olds. To register use the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>.

Arrivals & Departures

Please bring your child into the Little Sheep Marsh entrance at school. Children will be recorded when they arrive, and will be able to choose activities. You are welcome to stay as long as needed to settle your child.

At the end of the morning session please come to the nursery gate and member of staff will greet you. At the end of the day please wait in the playground and the children will be brought out to you. Children will only be handed over to their parent/carer or the person on the permission form unless the setting has been informed of changes beforehand and a password given.

Snacks and the promotion of healthy lifestyles

We will make every effort to help educate the children and parents about the importance of a healthy balanced diet, and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

We provide milk and fruit during our morning sessions and your child will be given a water bottle for use during the day.

We will discuss and record any child's dietary requirements, allergies and religious requirements so please make them clear on admission forms.

Key Worker

All children at Little Sheep Marsh will have a key worker who will:

- Help your child to become familiar with the setting and to feel safe and confident.
- Talk to parents to make sure the needs of the child are being met appropriately.
- Make sure that records of development and progress are shared with parents and other professionals as necessary.



Mrs Matthews



Mrs Herriman



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All about me

From on-going observation and assessment of the children at play we can learn how and what they have learnt, their strengths, development needs and next steps for learning.

At Little Sheep Marsh we use an online assessment tool called Tapestry. We will gain your permission to use and share this online tool. Staff record observations using videos and pictures which can be accessed by you. You will be given a username and password. We will take into account data protection rules when disclosing records that refer to third parties.

Parental involvement

Little Sheep Marsh see parents/carers as the most important educators in their child's life. We would like to work in partnership with you in providing care and education for you child. Together we will:

- Maintain a friendly and welcoming environment where staff are approachable and parents are able to talk opening about their child/ren.
- Support your child's learning and development through effective two-way flow of information, knowledge and expertise.
- Review your child's progress regularly with both home and nursery contributing to your child's learning and developmental record.
- Seek views on the care and education we provide.
- Provide a means of communicating between nursery and home for those parents unable to attend the setting i.e. newsletters, website, home/nursery book.

Uniform

Little Sheep Marsh Nursery has its own uniform in the same colours as the main school. These can be ordered online at www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk. There is free delivery to Nursery or the option to be delivered to home for a cost.

Please can you ensure that you name all clothes.

It would be helpful if you could leave a bag at nursery with spare clothes.

Please remember to send your child with a warm coat and wellies in the winter and a sun hat for sunny days as we are out in all weathers.

Personal Care

If your child still needs support with toileting or wears nappies or pull-ups we have the facilities to support all needs. All we ask is for you to provide the nappies and any cream you use. At the end of the day we will share your child's daily care plan with you. This will contain all information regarding when your child was changed, if they have needed a sleep and what food and snacks they have eaten.

