



Parent Information Pack

Welcome to Learn & Play Childcare

Together we play to learn.

Here's What We Do....

Promote the well-being of every child to live happy, healthy, safe and rewarding lives.

Work together to create genuine opportunities for children and parents, to fulfil their hopes, aspirations and dreams.

Provide the young children placed in our care with a welcoming, safe, secure, enjoyable, happy and stimulating environment, in preparation for their transfer to primary school.

Introduce the children to an environment where your child's skills are developed, their experiences are widened and their individuality valued.



Here's How We Do It...

Each child's day is carefully planned to enrich their interest in the many areas of the curriculum; encouraging enjoyment whilst learning through play. We aim to care for children in a manner that is relaxed, friendly, stimulating, inspiring and challenging.

Our mission is to provide the children with the confidence to grow and learn at their own pace and in an environment that is safe and secure.

Children are treated with respect as individuals. Our service and delivery are developed and designed around their changing needs. Racial and cultural diversity are recognised and respected.

Learn and Play Childcare employ highly qualified, committed, experienced and enthusiastic staff that have created a stimulating environment where your child's first experiences of nursery school is an exciting place to be.

Our stimulating space offers opportunities which allow children to develop their own interests and a love of learning through play. Learn and Play Childcare is an environment where all children and their families are listened to, valued and respected.

By working in partnership with parents, the local community and external agencies, we aim to meet and exceed all of the goals set out in the government standards for childcare and the Early Years Foundation Stage. As we are equipped with high quality resources and equipment we are able to offer a variety of interactive educational experiences based on each individual child's stage of development, with an emphasis on learning through play, challenge and discovery.

Working Together @ Learn and Play

We believe that being committed to positive relationships with the families of the children in our care ensures the continuity of your child's development. Your views and experiences of your child are essential to the services we provide.



Who Are We...

Learn and Play Childcare is a private childcare provision accommodating children aged 6 months to 5 years, with a focus on learning through play and utilizing the many experiences gained from the wonderful outdoors. We strive to ensure that your child will learn, develop, and be challenged in natural and diverse ways.

We are a childcare provision which is not just a place for your child to be during the day, but a place where your child will be safe, cared for, and will be completely prepared for the move onto big school.

Imbedded in our activities is the time to allow children to explore and experiment by playing with high quality resources and equipment. Through consistent supervision and interaction with the children we ensure that they feel secure in investigating and being little explorers in their surroundings, using all their senses to learn. Children's creativity develops most productively within a rich learning environment supported by sensitive and responsive adults. An environment that lets them imitate what they see, experiment with ideas and, more importantly, contribute their own ideas, is an environment where they will achieve the best possible outcomes for their age or stage.

Where We Learn & Play.....

Learn and Play Childcare is based within St. Margaret's Clitherow Church. A thriving church in the Grahame Park community. The area within the church is spacious, light and airy, allowing the children lots of room to explore, play and learn.

There is an amazing outside grassy area which is huge and provides so many opportunities to create, discover and explore a natural environment. The outside area is for the sole use of the nursery and is therefore safe and secure. We believe physical exercise and fresh air are an important part of a healthy life style, as such the outstanding outside environment is an integral part of your child's learning journey

The enabling environment that houses Learn and Play ensures that the varied activities on offer will provide every opportunity to extend and build on physical, intellectual, linguistic, emotional and social skills, enabling the children in our care to reach their full potential. The indoor environment offers a wonderful feeling of space with lots of natural light pouring through the many windows. There is a vast amount of



natural wood, which is the main feature of the internal space, creating a lovely, clean and calming environment.

The nursery environment is separated into two rooms; a separate and dedicated space for our under twos and the other for our two – five year old children.

There are two bathrooms for intimate care offering privacy for those who are independent toilet users and where we also change nappies.

We also boast an onsite kitchen where we cook and provide delicious, healthy and varied meals. This allows Learn and Play the ultimate quality control over what your child will be fed during the day with us.

We pride ourselves in our mission to keep your children safe and secure. To this end we have a sensor and electronic door entry system that we can observe who rings the doorbell before we open it. We operate a NO mobile phone policy when entering the environment and in line with the law there is a no smoking policy on the nursery grounds.

As parents, you will be able to park in the designated parking area to safely drop off and collect your child.

Which Rules do Learn and Play Follow...

The Early Years Foundation Stage (2017)

The Early Years Foundation Stage Framework sets the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

Over-arching principles

Four guiding principles that shape our practice at Learn and Play Childcare are:.

1. every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured;
2. children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**;
3. 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 and/or carers



4. children **develop and learn in different ways** and at different rates.

The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities.

How Learn and Play Teach...

The Areas of Learning and Development

There are seven areas of learning and development that must shape educational programmes in early years settings.

All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

The three prime areas, are:

- communication and language;
- physical development; and
- personal, social and emotional development.

We also support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.

The specific areas are:

- literacy;
- mathematics;
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design.



Entry to nursery

Before starting at Learn and Play Childcare we must have received a completed Registration Form along with the registration fee and deposit. You must be open and honest about history, safeguarding or development concerns you may have, as this will put us in the best position to support and guide your family.

Emergency Contacts

This is an extremely important section of registration. Please supply alternative contacts in the event that you are unavailable. These persons should give their permission and also be able to collect your child in the event of an emergency.

Pricing and Terms

Learn and Play Childcare is open 50 weeks per year, Monday to Friday, excluding all bank and statutory holidays, between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm. The nursery will be closed for two weeks; one week for Christmas and one week during the month of August. You will not be charged for these weeks.

Registration Fee:

Your child's name will be entered on the waiting list when a completed registration form and registration fee of £35 (non-refundable) is paid.

Deposit:

A deposit of £200 must be enclosed with the enrolment form to guarantee a space for your child. The deposit will be offset against the final fees at the time of leaving. However, should you cancel your child's place before the agreed start date then this deposit will NOT be refunded.

Booking Sessions

Learn and Play charges a daily rate or half day rate but a minimum of 2 full days, unless doing funded hours.

Learn and Play needs you to know...



When first coming into the Nursery both you and your child are bound to feel a little overwhelmed and unsure. Please don't! Always feel you can talk to any member of staff about anything, we will always make time for you, to make these early days here as easy as possible.

- We have no set criteria on how to settle individual children; we feel it is important for you to decide how long you wish to stay with your child in order to settle them in. please feel free to allow your child to bring with them comforters if you feel this will help them to settle in.
- If you bring a buggy please fold it and store it carefully in the disabled toilet.
- If you arrive by car please drive carefully into the designated parking area as children will be leaving and arriving at all times of the day.
- Please do not bring your child to nursery if they are unwell. If they have sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be kept home for 48 hours after the last attack.
- Please make sure your child has warm clothes and a coat on colder days for outside play and suitable, supportive shoes. Also please ensure that you provide a hat for sunny days.
- Make sure all your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their names.
- Please check your child drawer every day and take things home. Please do not overload your child's peg and do not bring plastic carrier bags into nursery.
- If your child wears nappies please remember to supply them together with wet wipes and any creams, and remember to replenish them if staff informs you they are running out.

And Finally....

Please remember we do not open before 8am and our staff finish work at 6pm so please ensure children are collected by this



