



Little Pumpkins Nursery



Pioneering Excellence In Childcare



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ABOUT US

WELCOME TO LITTLE PUMPKINS

For many parents they want to provide their children with high-quality childcare. Trying to find good childcare for my girls was a challenge. I simply couldn't find the right standards I was looking for and this paved the way for the birth of Little Pumpkins nursery, which offers placements 3 months to 5 years.

Little Pumpkins is a family run business that understands the difficulty of finding affordable, high quality professional childcare. We also strive to meet the needs of parents and children in designing exclusive day care nursery centres.

Little Pumpkins have been operating for over a decade and during this time with the management team, we're always talking to parents about what they really want; both for their children and themselves. We want parents and the regulatory bodies such as Ofsted and the Care Commission to see us as one of the leading providers of high quality childcare and education. We take nothing for granted and are committed to constantly monitoring, evaluating and improving our standards of care.

Our nurseries are built on an ethos of tradition and innovation, respect and responsibility, collaboration and inclusion. It is these values that we instill in our children, which enables them to develop and build self-esteem.

It will be my privilege to work with you and your child along this exciting journey of their nursery career, to enable them to develop in preparation for school.

Anita Modi
Executive Board Member / Director
Little Pumpkins Nursery



OUR AIMS & MISSION

Our aim is to provide excellence in childcare, to enhance the development and education received by children during their early years and to create a safe, secure and stimulating environment where all children can thrive.

- ✓ Help every child develop a positive self-image, a feeling of self-worth and a respect for diversity
- ✓ Teach children to understand others, to be able to co-exist and to value one's own rights, along with the rights of others
- ✓ Create opportunities to succeed physically, intellectually and socially
- ✓ Facilitate and expand language skills
- ✓ Stimulate curiosity and strengthen the imagination
- ✓ Develop emotional stability through the identity and management of feelings
- ✓ Help each child develop social awareness through interaction with other children

Each of these key principles reflect our company philosophy that a professional learning program will identify a child's individuality, allowing us to tailor a learning plan. By offering an environment that is both stimulating and exciting, potential is maximised and success guaranteed.



Pioneering EXCELLENCE
in childcare services

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLAY

Little Pumpkins Nursery Centres offers a large range of stimulating activities and experiences to cater for your child's emotional, physical and social development, both individually and within groups.

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. **Educational programmes must involve activities and experiences for children, as follows: -**



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings, to understand appropriate group behavior and to have confidence in their abilities.



LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

to link sounds and letters and begin to read and write. Children must be given access to a range of reading materials (books, poems, other written materials) to ignite their interest.



MATHEMATICS

to develop and improve their skills in counting and using numbers, simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces and measures.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities for sharing their thoughts and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, dance, role play and technology.



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare forms a large part of our statutory responsibilities and covers most of the requirements of our registration with Ofsted.

All children deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We follow the framework of the Every Child Matters government green paper, which is structured around five outcomes, which are key to a child's well being.

Educating our young children and supporting them to lead, happy, healthy and successful lives, both now and in the future are at the very heart of what we do at Little Pumpkins Nursery.

We ensure that our curriculum and provision play a fundamental role in helping to promote all five outcomes of Every Child Matters:

- ★ **Stay safe** - looking after the children's welfare and ensuring a safe environment
- ★ **Be healthy** - safeguarding and promoting children's health and well being
- ★ **Enjoy and achieve** - supporting the children in their learning and development
- ★ **Make a positive contribution** - working together with parents, encouraging children to play a beneficial part in their nursery and community
- ★ **Organisation** - ensuring all government policies, procedures and practices are strictly followed.

OUR EXPERT TEAM

QUALIFIED STAFF FOR QUALITY CARE

At Little Pumpkins we believe that a happy and caring atmosphere is essential. To promote this we take great care in choosing responsible, conscientious and professional staff that is particularly able to gain the confidence of young children.

Our high standards involve comprehensive induction programme covering subjects such as Paediatric First Aid, Basic Food Hygiene and the extensive nursery practices to familiarise themselves with our standards and procedures maintained with regular appraisals and staff training.

The children to staff ratios are strictly maintained as laid down by the Children's Act and OFSTED. We operate a key carer system enabling us to meet your child's individual needs.

This understanding and familiarity leads to responsive care and greater emotional stability of the child.

The core team is qualified to N.N.E.B/NVQ 3 or equivalent. In addition we support local colleges who may place students with us for assessment under strict supervision.





HEALTHY EATING

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We provide varied and well-balanced meals that are low in salt, sugar and saturated fat and high in fibre and vitamins. Little Pumpkins seeks professional advice from a nutritionist and recognised for healthy eating for under 5's.

A choice of non-sugared cereals, milk and whole meal toast are offered for breakfast. Milk and water are offered to the children at every meal and snack time and throughout the day. To maintain healthy teeth we do not include juices.

Mid morning and mid afternoon snacks consist of various fruit options, including dried apricots and raisins, breadsticks and rice cakes, dips with a choice of either milk or water to drink.

ALL food is prepared freshly on the premises in our dedicated nursery kitchen by our full-time qualified nursery cook. At Little Pumpkins, lunch is always a balanced hot meal, served with fresh vegetables, and cooked on site. Pudding might be apple crumble, freshly baked rice pudding, or homemade pear and apricot muffins.

In negotiation with parent's wishes, we will also supply pureed fruit and vegetables for weaning babies. Formula milk should be provided to maintain continuity.



5 STAR RATING

Environmental Health Officers, trained in the latest food safety, hygiene and management procedures, conduct random inspections on any companies serving food on their premises. Following each inspection, a star rating between 1 and 5 is awarded, with five being the highest.

The nurseries were recently inspected and were awarded a 5 star rating.



OUR FACILITIES

A FUN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Little Pumpkins operates from comfortable, secure and meticulously clean premises in residential areas.

Our play rooms are modern, spacious and bright, allowing lots of natural daylight in.

We have invested heavily in each premises to redesign them as childcare provisions.



Supported by sizeable investment in equipment, toys, books and materials necessary to enable a wide variety of activities and make every child's day fun and educational.

Each room has been specially designed for small children to enable them to explore and move around their environment freely.

We provide a range of activities, ICT, sensory equipment and different natural material that will stimulate and encourage their development.

All activities are carefully planned, prepared and appropriate for each individual child's age and stage of development.

OUTDOOR PLAY

Our large, purpose-built outdoor play areas provide children with a variety of options in a fun and stimulating learning environment.

Using natural materials and a selection of exciting play equipment, we've created an adventurous space for education and discovery.

The safety and security of children and nursery staff is of paramount concern at Little Pumpkins nursery and we operate a range of procedures to ensure that access to our premises is restricted to staff and parents.



SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences in a child's life. Their support can play a vital role at all stages of education.

At Little Pumpkins nursery we believe you, as parents, are experts on your own child and are by far the most important influence on your child's life. To meet the needs of children in our care effectively, we need to build strong relationships with you and make sure that the sharing of information is a two-way, ongoing process.

Our aim is to achieve an open, supportive relationship with you, to make you feel welcome, involved and fully informed about what happens in the nursery.

We will make every effort to keep you informed about your child's development and general progress. Good, clear communication means that the needs of your child and family can be met more easily.

We will work with families, respecting and understanding their culture, background and composition, ensuring that working parents are afforded every opportunity to take part in nursery activities.

Staff at the nursery are available at all times to offer support and advice, enabling you to leave your child secure in the knowledge that they are being well looked after.

We welcome any contributions or suggestions you care to make about the nursery so that the children can be cared for and encouraged to learn to the best of our ability.



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Choosing the right nursery for your child can be difficult. Every day we are asked; Will they like it? What are the staff like? Will they be safe?

Through our transparency and honesty, we will help you understand the Little Pumpkins' way and what makes us the premium childcare provider in South East London.

CONTACT US

GET IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you!
Please find here the contact details
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