



Drake Primary
School and
Little Pirates
Child Care

Welcome to Drake Primary School and Little Pirates Childcare

- *'Little Pirates' has operated as a highly successful Day Care* provision based in Drake Primary School & Little Pirates and run on behalf of the School governors since January 2004. Little Pirates also provides extended day care services for children in the local community.
- We are registered to care for 76 children at any one time within Little Pirates. We are open 50 weeks of the year, Monday-Friday 7:30am–5:30pm with the option of All day, school day hours, AM and PM Sessions, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs.



Our Vision

“We believe our children deserve the best and have the right to be happy, healthy, safe and cared for whilst exploring their world. Learning in a caring environment we treat the children as individuals to produce confident, independent learners who *achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens.*”



Our Aims

- Provide high quality care and education for children aged 0-5 within a warm, friendly, and caring environment
- Work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop to their full potential and ensure they have the best possible start in life
- Add to the life and well-being of its local community
- Offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.



Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad and balanced and based on children's needs and interests. We learn through play and first hand experiences within a rich planned environment. Play helps young children to develop through doing, talking and making connections. Research has shown to be the most effective and appropriate way for young children to learn. Children will be given opportunities to make choices about their own play and will also have opportunities to learn with adults. We aim to offer an effective balance of directed and independent experiences to support children's learning.



Areas Of Learning

At Little Pirates we focus on Three Prime areas of learning and Four Specific Areas:

Three Prime

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language Development

Four Specific

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Arts and Design



Tapestry

- An easy to use online learning journal, Tapestry helps staff and parents to *record, track and celebrate children's progress in the Early Years Education*. Parents can add photos and comments they would like to share with the *setting about their child's learning*.
- Your child's key person will be the person who works with you to make sure that what we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests. When your child first starts at the setting their key person will help them to settle and support them throughout their time at the setting.



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Working Together

We promote positive behaviour, within clear boundaries and *expectations, for the children's own safety and to help children* develop a sense of the significance and implications of their behaviour in their environment and for others. Children are valued and respected. Sanctions and strategies applied always take the stage of development of the individual child into account and are discussed fully with parents, working together as a team



Partnership with parents

Little Pirates recognises that parents are the first and most important educators of their children. We work in active partnership with parents/carers in order to best meet the needs of the children. We have a working together agreement that talks about the ways in which everyone works together to support your child.



Our Routine

We believe that care and education are equally important. The routines and activities that make up the session/day are provided in ways that:

- Help each child to feel that she/he is a valued member of the setting.
 - Ensure the safety of each child.
- Help children to enjoy being part of a group.
- Provide children with opportunities to learn.



Snacks and Meals

The setting makes snacks and meals a social time at which children and adults eat together. We plan the menus for snacks and meals so that they provide the children with healthy and nutritious food. It is vital that you inform us about your child's dietary needs to enable us to make sure that these are met.



Clothing

- Here at nursery we say for the children to wear practical clothing, easy, simple to get on and off. We are outdoors in all weathers and do many messy play *activities with the children, any clothing that you don't mind getting messy.*
- All nappies, wipes and creams are to be supplied.



Safety within the setting

To ensure children's safety, Parents/Carers must register their child with a member of staff on entry to Little Pirates. If anyone other than you (or your prearranged named person known to the staff) is going to be collecting your child at any time please contact the manager in advance to enable us to release the child to their care. Under no circumstances will staff allow a child to leave Little Pirates with anyone without the express permission of the parents, or with anyone under the age of 16.



Special and additional needs

- It is Little Pirates policy to meet the needs of each individual child and we take account of any special needs a child may have.
- The setting works to the requirements of the The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Code of Practice (2014).



Choosing Us

We want your child to feel happy and safe with us. To make sure that this is the case, the staff will work with you to decide on how to help your child to settle into the setting. We welcome you and your child to Little Pirates and hope that you both enjoy your time with us. If you have any questions please come and talk to us or phone us and we will be happy to help you. All questions, big or small, are important when it comes to your children, so please do not hesitate ask.