



CURIOUS LEARNERS CHILDCARE LTD

Information Pack



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Welcome to Curious Learners Childcare LTD



Welcome to Curious Learners Childcare LTD! This welcome pack is here to provide you with helpful insights into our goals, the structure of our day, and the learning experiences we offer. We hope it answers many of your questions and gives you a clear picture of what to expect.

Our Aim

At Curious Learners Childcare LTD, we create a warm and welcoming environment where children feel safe, cared for, and inspired to explore. Our goal is to help each child reach their full potential by fostering their growth in both learning and character. We are committed to nurturing kindness, compassion, and confidence in every child, while providing them with the skills they need to thrive. By partnering closely with parents and guardians, we ensure that each child's unique needs are met with care and attention.

Our Ethos

At Curious Learners Childcare, we believe that every child deserves to feel heard, valued, and supported in their learning journey. Here's what we stand for:

- Every child's voice matters, and we're here to listen.
- We empower children by giving them the chance to make decisions and explore their own choices.
- Mistakes are part of the learning process, and we create a safe space where children feel emotionally supported to try, learn, and grow.
- Our practitioners are not just educators, but also role models, guiding children with care and understanding.
- We follow the children's lead, nurturing their interests and curiosity every step of the way.
- Above all, we encourage each child to make meaningful progress, building confidence and a love of learning.

Opening Times

We are open 07:45 – 18:00 Monday to Friday.

The nursery is open 50 weeks of the year. We are closed on statutory bank holidays and during the period between Christmas and the New Year. Please note our term dates vary and are confirmed yearly.

Ratio

The staff ratio in the nursery is as follows:

0 – 2 years: 1 practitioner per 3 children

2 – 3 years: 1 practitioner per 5 children

3 – 4 years: 1 practitioner per 8 children

Meet Our Management Team

MAGDA
Nursery Director



KELLY
Nursery Manager



YASMIN
Deputy Manager / SENCO



Our Dedicated Team

At Curious Learners Childcare LTD, we are proud of our passionate and caring team of nursery practitioners. Every member of staff holds at least a Level 2 qualification in Early Years Education, ensuring a strong foundation of knowledge and expertise.

Our Nursery Director holds a Master's degree in Early Education and Teaching, our Nursery Manager has a Master's in Early Childhood Education, and our Deputy Manager is currently studying for a BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies.

With warmth, professionalism, and a genuine love for what they do, our practitioners create a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where every child is supported to learn, grow, and flourish.

Our Key Person Approach

At our nursery, every child is supported by a dedicated *key person* — a special practitioner who takes responsibility for a small group of children. Their main role is to help your child feel safe, secure, and valued.

This approach, rooted in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), offers real benefits for both children and parents/carers. Your child's key person will ensure they feel welcomed and cared for as an individual, helping them settle smoothly and confidently into nursery life.

When your child joins us, we'll carefully pair them with a key person who matches their schedule and personality, encouraging a strong, affectionate, and trusting bond.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, your child's key person — or our nursery manager — will be more than happy to help. After all, if it's important to you, it's important to us.

Help with the Cost of Childcare

At Curious Learners Childcare Ltd, we know that childcare costs can be a big part of your monthly expenses, and we're here to help make sure you're getting all the support available to you. There are several government programs designed to ease the financial load for families, and we're happy to guide you through them so you can make the most of these benefits.

Funded Early Education

We accept a range of Government funding options to support families with early years childcare costs. This includes the 30 hours funded childcare for eligible working families, the universal 15 hours funding for 3-year-olds, and the 15 hours funding for eligible 2-year-olds receiving additional support. Funding can be taken either as term-time only over 38 weeks of the year, or stretched across 50 weeks to provide a consistent weekly allocation. Specific funding dates, nursery Christmas closure, and bank holidays are confirmed at the start of each academic year.

If you would like your child to attend more than their funded sessions, funded hours will be applied first, and any additional hours will be charged in line with our fees stated below.

You can start using your entitlements from the term after your child turns the relevant age to use that entitlement. The relevant age for the working parent entitlement is 9 months old.

When your child turns the relevant age	When they can get their hours from
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January

Stretched Government Funding

If you choose to stretch the funded hours over 50 weeks, the amount you receive will vary based on your child's start date. Children starting in the Spring (January) or Summer (April) term will receive fewer hours, as government funding is provided on a pro-rata basis from when your child becomes eligible. If your child is eligible for 30 hours funding, their hours will be doubled.

Please note that we are unable to stretch funding for children starting midterm. Therefore, families who wish for their child to start midterm and want to stretch their funding will have their fees calculated accordingly.

If you would like to discuss this further, please speak to the nursery manager.

Start Date	Remaining weeks in academic year	Funded hours per week
1 st September 2026	50 Weeks	11.4 hours
1 st January 2027	33.2 Weeks	11.3 hours
1 st April 2027	21 weeks	10 hours

Tax Free Childcare

You may be able to get up to £2,000 per child per year – or £4,000 if your child is disabled – with Tax-Free Childcare. You can use it alongside 15 or 30 hours free childcare if eligible, but not with Universal Credit, Tax Credits, or childcare vouchers.

Sibling Discount

At Curious Learners Childcare we offer 10% Sibling Discount. Sibling discount will be applied to paid sessions only.

Term and conditions apply, please ask for more information.

Universal Credit Childcare

Eligible working families on Universal Credit may be entitled to receive even more financial help with their childcare costs.

Sessions

We are proud to offer a range of flexible childcare session options for all our families at Curious Learners Childcare LTD. Our sessions are structured to make the best use of funded hours while supporting children's routines and learning. Session options are subject to availability and are offered in line with nursery capacity and operational requirements. Our sessions are:

Full Day (10 hours)	08:00 - 18:00
Full Day (9 hours)	08:00 - 17:00 / 09:00 - 18:00
Short Day (7 hours)	08:00-15:00 / 09:00-16:00
Morning or Afternoon Session	08:00 - 13:00 / 13:00 - 18:00
Short Morning / Short Afternoon Session (All week only / Term Time Only)	08:45 – 11:45 / 13:00 – 16:00
School Day	09:00 - 15:00

Fees

Fees are calculated based on the number of sessions your child is scheduled to attend each month and are payable in advance for the upcoming month.

Nursery fees include all sick days and holiday taken as these are paid days. Fees are based on booked days not attendance. Fees are due by the last working day of each month, for the month your child is about to attend.

Our fees are as follows:

	Babies (0-2 years)		Toddlers Room (2-3 years)		Pre-School Room (3-4 years)	
	All Year-Round	Time-time only	All Year-Round	Time-time only	All Year-Round	Time-time only
Hourly Rate	£9.00	£10.00	£8.50	£9.50	£7.50	£8.50
Early Drop Off (7.45)	Permanent booking: £6.00			Adhoc booking: £8:00		
Adhoc Hourly Rate	£12.00					

Early Drop Off:

We offer early morning drop-off from **7:45am**. Please speak to a member of management for more information regarding this additional service.

Deposit

Once your child has been offered a space and you have agreed sessions with the nursery manager, a deposit is required to secure your child's place at Curious Learners Childcare . The deposit must be paid within **5 working days**

from your offer. If you decide not to take up the space offered and you have paid the deposit, Curious Learners Childcare LTD is not obliged to return the deposit.

If your child is doing **funded sessions only** a **£20.00 deposit** is required. This will be taken off your second full months invoice until the whole amount has been returned to you.

If your child is doing **more than their funded sessions** a **£75 deposit** is required. This will be held on your child's account and refunded back to you when you decide to leave providing you have given 4 weeks notice and your account is up to date.

The deposit can not be used to pay for additional hours, late collection charges or late payment charges.

All Inclusive Enhanced Provision:

Government funding covers the cost of delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) basic provision only. It does not cover the cost of meals, consumable resources, or digital learning platforms.

Meals	Digital Learning Platform	Consumables
8:00-18:00/ 08:00-17:00 - £8.50	£1.00 per Funded Session Access to our Digital Learning Platform Daily Updates on your child Termly progress reports Parent Consultation Easy Messaging Service Keep up to date on Nursery news Paper free enrolment process Printed learning journey when your child leaves In app payments and invoices	£1.50 per funded session
09:00-17:00/09:00-18:00 - £8.00		Wet Wipes
08:00-15:00/08:00-16:00 - £7.00		Nappy Sacks
09:00-15:00/09:00-16:00- £6.00		Waste and Nappy Disposal
08:00-13:00 – £5.50		Sudocrem
13:00-18:00 - £4.50		Suncream
8:00-11:00 - £1.50		Graduation
13:00-16:00- £0.50		Christmas Parties
		Bedding (bed sheet and blanket)
		Washing facilities
		Celebration days (easter gifts, Christmas gifts)
		Special events: celebration-themed crafts, food-tasting activities, baking experiences, summer picnics, Christmas activities, and additional resources to support special celebration days.
		Special learning experiences such as getting caterpillars for hands-on learning and Incredible Eggs, who bring eggs and an incubator for our children to see baby chicks hatch!

The charges listed above apply to funded sessions only. For sessions that are paid for in full, these additional charges do not apply, as our hourly rate for these sessions is fully inclusive of meals, resources, and digital learning platforms.

Opting in to our All-Inclusive Enhanced Provision

Choosing the All-Inclusive option ensures your child enjoys a variety of freshly prepared, nutritious hot meals and snacks each day alongside their friends.

You can drop them off and go, stress-free, knowing the nursery is taking care of everything. There's no need to worry about wipes, nappy sacks, creams, bedding, face cloths, food, or any other daily essentials—everything is fully provided.

Opting Out of Enhance Provision

All-inclusive option is of course optional to our families.

Families that choose to opt out will receive:

- Access to the EYFS provision as funded by the government
- Funded hours free of charge

If you choose to opt out this will mean:

Meals	Digital Learning Platform	Consumables
<p>You will need to provide your child with meals and snacks that follow our packing a healthy lunchbox policy to align with the government requirements.</p>	<p>No access to our digital learning platform Handover will be given on collection Mandatory assessments only Invoice will be emailed monthly</p>	<p>You will need to provide your own consumables each session: Wet Wipes (All Children) Nappy Sacks (All Children) Sudocrem (If needed) Face cloths (2 per session) Bedding (bed sheet and blanket)</p> <hr/> <p>Special events: celebration-themed crafts, food-tasting activities, baking experiences, summer picnics, Christmas activities and parties, and additional resources to support special celebration days and graduation celebrations.</p> <p>Special learning experiences such as getting caterpillars for hands-on learning and Incredible Eggs, who bring eggs and an incubator for our children to see baby chicks hatch! These will be charges at an additional charge which will be shared with you accordingly.</p>

Please note that while some enhanced provisions may not be available, this will not compromise the quality of care. We remain committed to maintaining our high standards of childcare at all times.

Failure to provide the required items in accordance with our policies, in sufficient quantity and clearly labelled with your child's name for each session, may result in charges applied at the Manager's discretion, based on the current opted-in rates as outlined above.

To find out more information on any of the government programmes listed above or to check if you are eligible visit: [Better Start in Life](#) or scan the QR code!



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

At Curious Learners Childcare, we believe that play is the heart of every child's growth and learning journey. It's through play that children explore, create, and connect with the world around them. While many children play naturally, we're here to support every child along the way, guiding them as they develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially, and emotionally.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which sets the standard for learning, development, and care for children from birth to age 5. This ensures that we provide a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity and growth, just like other trusted schools and registered early years providers. At Curious Learners, we're excited to be part of your child's learning adventure!

The EYFS seeks to provide:

- Quality and consistency in all early years settings, so that every child makes good progress, and no child gets left behind.
- A secure foundation through planning for the learning and development of each individual child, and assessing and reviewing what they have learned regularly.
- Partnership working between practitioners and with parents and/or carers.
- Equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice, ensuring that every child is included and supported.

Four guiding principles should shape practice in early years:

- Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured.
- Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.
- Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments** with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers.
- Importance of **learning and development**. Children develop and learn at different rates. The framework covers the education and care of all children, including children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Parent / Carer Involvement

Our aim is to develop an honest, open and supportive relationship with you which complements life in your home. We are very aware of our influence as role models and without the extensive knowledge of your child we would not be able to enhance your their development. Nursery staff are always available to discuss your child and their development. Sharing your child's progress and achievement are vitally important to us. There are a range of ways that we communicate your child's progress with you:

Family App

Once you have registered your child at Curious Learners Childcare, you will receive an invitation to create an account on Family. The Family app allows staff to record meals, intimate care, and sleep that your child may have during their session. It also enables practitioners to document your child's learning journey through photos, videos, and written observations. In addition, the app includes a newsfeed where staff can share reminders or exciting events happening at Curious Learners Childcare, as well as a messaging feature that allows direct communication between staff, parents, and the nursery director/manager.

If you choose to opt in to the digital learning charge, you will receive full access to these learning journey updates and communication features within the app. If you do not opt in, your child will still have an account that is accessible only to staff for essential purposes such as signing in and out of the building and storing emergency contact details. Invoices will also be generated through the app and sent to you via email.

Newsletter

Each month, a newsletter will be shared with you to keep families informed about what has been happening at the nursery and any upcoming plans. If you choose to opt out of the digital learning charge, nursery updates will instead be displayed on the notice board in the lobby area and outside the pre-school room.

Stay and Play Sessions

Stay and play sessions are the perfect opportunity to meet with your child's key person and discuss their learning development. Stay and play sessions will happen regularly throughout the year.

Open Door Policy

Staff at Curious Learners Childcare have been chosen for their friendly and approachable manner. They will do their utmost to offer our families support where necessary. If you have any questions or queries, all staff will be happy to help. The management team office door is open between 08:00 – 18:00 if you need to pop in for a chat. You can also email or phone us.

Settling In Sessions

At Curious Learners Childcare, we are dedicated to providing your child with a smooth, calm, and enjoyable start to their nursery journey. We understand how important it is to feel confident and comfortable, so once your child's place is secured, we offer two free settling-in sessions (1 hour each) before their full-time start. These sessions are designed to help your child feel at ease, explore their new surroundings, and get to know our caring staff.

The dates and times for these sessions will be arranged with our nursery manager, ensuring they work best for both you and your little one. We're here to support both you and your child every step of the way, helping them transition into their new nursery routine with ease

Bluebell Room – Toddler Room (2-3years)

The Bluebell Room at Curious Learners Childcare offers a warm, nurturing space where toddlers feel safe to explore, play, and grow. Guided by caring practitioners, children are encouraged to make independent choices, follow gentle routines, and enjoy age-appropriate activities that support their physical, emotional, and social development.

Our mix of free play and adult-led experiences helps build confidence and key skills at each child's pace. The environment is thoughtfully designed to spark curiosity and joyful learning.

Routines provide comfort and structure, helping toddlers feel secure and understand what to expect. While we follow a consistent daily rhythm, we remain flexible to meet each child's needs.

Activities toddlers enjoy include:

- Sensory & Messy Play: Water, sand, playdough, paint, and more.
- Story Time & Music: Books, songs, instruments, and dancing.
- Creative & Role Play: Drawing, dressing up, pretend play.
- Construction & Physical Play: Blocks, bikes, climbing, and tunnels.
- Outdoor Exploration: Daily garden time, rain or shine—bug hunts, nature walks, and group games.
- Mealtimes: Calm, shared moments that build independence and healthy habits.



Sunflowers Room – Pre-school Room (3-4 years)

In the Sunflower Room, children are supported by caring practitioners to explore, make independent choices, and follow our nursery's golden rules. Each day includes carefully planned activities that encourage learning, skill-building, and fun. With a mix of adult-led tasks and free play, children are free to guide their own learning in a space that sparks curiosity and supports growth.

At Curious Learners Childcare, we value the power of routines in creating a warm, secure, and welcoming environment. Consistent daily rhythms help children feel confident, safe, and settled. While we follow a general routine, we remain flexible to meet each child's individual needs.

Activities for Preschoolers at Curious Learners:

- **Creative Arts & Crafts** – Drawing, painting, cutting, and building to boost creativity and fine motor skills.
- **Storytelling & Literacy** – Exploring books, listening to stories, retelling with props, and early writing skills.
- **Music & Movement** – Singing, dancing, and playing instruments to develop coordination and self-expression.
- **Role Play** – Dressing up and acting out real-life scenarios to support imagination and social skills.
- **Early Maths** – Counting, sorting, patterns, and shape games through hands-on activities.
- **Construction** – Building with blocks and loose parts to encourage planning and problem-solving.
- **Science & Discovery** – Exploring colours, magnets, weather, and nature through play-based learning.
- **Group Games** – Learning to share, take turns, and cooperate through social play.
- **Nature Exploration** – Bug hunts, planting, and collecting natural items to explore the world around them.
- **Physical Play** – Climbing, balancing, obstacle courses, and trike riding to build strength and confidence.
- **Mindfulness Moments** – Calm activities like yoga, breathing games, or quiet music.
- **Mealtimes** – Encouraging independence, healthy choices, and social interaction with peers and staff.



Thank you for your enquiry at Curious Learners Childcare LTD! We're excited to have you explore what we offer and hope this welcome pack has been helpful.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to us using the contact details on the front page.

To book a viewing at our nursery, simply click the link below or scan the QR code. We look forward to welcoming you and your little one!

[Enquiry Form](#)

