



Newsletter

Welcome

As a team at Little Explorers we are very happy to welcome you all back to the setting. After a very long time off it has been a pleasure to see all of the parents/carers and children again and I am sure you will all agree that the children have done amazingly well at adjusting to a new normal when coming to preschool. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during the pandemic and we are very much looking forward to getting back to a slightly adjusted normal.



Medication Forms

We have now introduced a process to support both children and their parents with medical/medication needs. If your child has a medical need please let us know and we will send you our new forms.

Parent Guidance

During August we sent out updated parental guidance advising on how we are continuing to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. All parents/cares should have received this through email however if you need this to be re-sent please let us know. Some of the important points were;

- We are continuing to collect the children from the gate.
- Parents / carers are unable to come in to the setting at this time to reduce footfall within the setting.
- It also sets out the procedure we would take if a child/adult was to contract coronavirus or display symptoms whilst at the setting.



Little Explorers Changes

As we are sure most of you are aware over the past couple of months there have been a few changes at Little Explorers and as a quick recap please see the following;

Little Explorers has now been taken over by Shalfleet CE Primary School, this has very little effect on the day to day running of the preschool but we look forward to working alongside the school and their senior leadership team to continue to make Little Explorers an excellent preschool choice for your family.

After 13 years of dedicated love and support Linda has now retired from the management position at Little Explorers and we wish her nothing but happiness in her next adventure.

Jaimee is now Preschool Supervisor and has therefore stepped away from her role as Foundation Stage Room leader.

Leeanne is now Foundation Stage Room Leader and has also taken on the role of Deputy Supervisor alongside Becky.

Open Door Policy

Please be reminded that although we are not currently having parents in the setting we still have an 'open door' policy. This means that if you would like to speak to your child's keyperson, a member of the senior leadership team or Harriet please do not hesitate to get in to contact with us. We are all contactable through email, phone calls and virtual meetings so please get in contact if you would like to speak to our staff.

Staff Information

On our newsletters each month we will be sharing with you a staff profile created by the staff themselves. This will hopefully mean that you are able to get to know all of our staff members a bit more including their qualifications and learning history.



Fruit Bar

Please remember that the Foundation Stage room offers a fruit bar to all of the children during snack time. In order for us to continue doing this we ask that each Foundation Stage parent / carer donates some fruit each week. This fruit will be chopped up and the children will take it in turns each day to serve this to their friends.





Sickness

Please note that we are unable to care for children who are unwell due to our duty of care in safeguarding all children and our infection control policy.

Additionally, please be reminded that children who have had sickness and/or diarrhoea must be kept away from the setting for 48 hours after the last episode.

For children who have been prescribed antibiotics we require that they are kept home for 48 hours before they return to the setting (if well enough).

If your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of Coronavirus, please keep your child at home and get a test. If this comes back negative when your child is well enough they can return to the setting.



Wish List

If you have any of the following, we would appreciate any donations to improve our outside area; plants, pots, compost, wooden planters, bedding plants, shrubs and large stones and paint and varnish



A couple of Reminders:

Please do not leave medication or cream in your child's bag.

Please remember to tell a member of staff at drop-off if your child requires a school dinner / jacket potato. This cost is £2.15.

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.

Dates for your Diary



October Holiday Club

Monday 19th October to Friday
30th October 2020

Website Permission

At the moment we are in the process of updating our preschool website, with all of the recent changes. We are currently looking for some more up to date pictures we can use on the website to show our high-quality setting and happy, thriving children. We have emailed you all a permission letter, at your earliest convenience please could you fill in the slip and return it to us and we will respect your views either way.

Staff All About Me

Name: Jaimee Fallows

Job Role: Shalfleet Little Explorers Preschool Supervisor

Jaimee first joined Little Explorers in March 2013 so is will soon be celebrating 8 years at Shalfleet Little Explorers. Jaimee was first known to us when she was volunteering in the school whilst completing her Level 2 in Childcare and Education which saw her joining us a lot for shared play with Rainbow Class. Jaimee then joined us at Little Explorers and gained her Level 3 in Childcare and Education through an apprenticeship. She then went on to continue her education through enrolling in university and completing her Level 4, 5 and 6 in Early Childhood Studies by Summer 2018.

At the setting Jaimee has taken on the role of volunteer, practitioner, deputy room leader, room leader and now preschool supervisor. Whilst working at Little Explorers Jaimee has become a consistent and familiar face to both the parents and the children as she usually works full days 50 weeks of the year.

Recent courses completed; Child protection, Safeguarding, Prevent, FGM, Exploitation, Preventing Bullying, Substance Misuse, Domestic Abuse, Trafficking, Youth Violence, SEND, GDPR, Equality and Diversity, Safer Recruitment, Online Safety, Mental Wellbeing, Loneliness, Health and safety, ADHD, Introduction to Autism, Child Development, Attachment and Active Learning

