



Welcome!

Little Bloomers Day Nursery and Pre-School was established in 2011 and is fully registered with Ofsted for 122 places for babies and children from 0 – 5 years of age. We also offer an After School Club and Holiday Club for children up to 12 years of age. Little Bloomer's owner and manager is Kate Bloomfield and she is supported by a team of friendly and fully qualified staff who are all dedicated to the care and well being of your child. Staff have relevant childcare qualifications and training such as First Aid, Safeguarding Children, Fire Safety, Risk Assessment and Food Hygiene.

The children are separated into 4 age groups occupying different rooms, with a Room Leader for each, ensuring continuity of care and a sense of security for the children.

Room Staffing Ratios

0 – 2 yrs - 1:3

2 – 3 yrs - 1:4

3 – 5 yrs - 1:8

About Little Bloomers

The Nursery is situated in Cottessmore on the Military base. It occupies a large building, a separate Portacabin unit for the Pre-School children and a substantial and secure outside area. The After School Club Building is located approximately 300 meters away with its own secure outdoor area. The accommodation for the main building provides 3 play rooms, sensory room, dining room, bathrooms, changing areas, art and craft room, washing facilities, kitchen and an office.

0-2's Room

This is a home from home environment complete with a sofa, flowers, cushions, photograph frames and space to play, relax and explore. Here the children's early development is encouraged through a range of suitable activities and relevant play equipment and toys. Adjoining this room is a Sensory Room for babies and young toddlers to explore. Full of textured resources, wallpapers, lights and music. Nappies and milk are included in the price. For those children who need a daytime sleep, cots and beds are available and all children have their own sheets and blankets to ensure a more hygienic environment. Parents are encouraged to provide their child with any comforters they like to continue the home from home experience and to help your child settle in.

2-3's Room

Children are able to cover a wide range of activities to suit their age group from painting and sticking to play-dough and sand. Staff in this room provide activities based on the principles of letting children learn through play and creativity. The children can explore small world resources, construction, Imaginary play areas and the reading corner.

Pre-School

In this group, the three to five year old children enjoy a wide range of activities to cover the six areas of learning that will help to prepare them for school. The children are encouraged to learn about numbers, letters, shapes, the world around them, mark-making, communicating with others and their own personal development through carefully planned topics and activities.

Out of School Kid's Club & Holiday Club

Located 300 meters from the Main Nursery and Cottesmore Primary School. It is a large space for the children and young people to relax in before they go to school and after a busy day at school. The children are dropped off at the school in time for registration and picked up at 15:20. The children have access to a Playstation, air hockey and pool table, arts and crafts, trampoline and games. They have the freedom to choose their own activities in a relaxed environment with an emphasis on their ownership of their Club.

The Garden

Little Bloomers has a substantial outdoor area which promotes all areas of learning. There are houses and dens, climbing units, slides, bridges, swings, sand & water pits, stepping stones, mark making areas, scooters and bikes. There are opportunities to explore nature, a plot for growing and digging, bug hunting, music and sound making wall. The children access the outdoor area in all weathers, so come prepared with wellies, hats, sun-cream and a change of clothing.

Meals & Nutrition

At Little Bloomers we place great emphasis on the quality of the ingredients we buy and their nutritional value, avoiding cheap or processed foods wherever possible. We like to encourage the children to eat fresh fruit and vegetables and take part in cooking some of their own snacks. Your children's meals are included in the fee. For children attending a morning only session they will have a break between 10 and 10.30 sitting with their key person group for a drink and fruit. Children attending extended morning or all day will have a two-course lunch and at 2.00pm the children will have an afternoon break. At 4.00pm the children will have a snack tea. For those 3 – 5 year old children attending Nursery for their 15 hours Nursery Education Funding there will be a charge of £2.50 per day for a cooked lunch should they wish to stay.

All meals are freshly prepared each day by our cook in the kitchen and any special dietary requirements can be catered for. Any food allergies must be advised to us prior to your child starting at Little Bloomers. We place the menu for each week on the notice board by the front door so that you can see what your child will be eating each day.

[Development Files](#)

Our key person approach allows each member of staff to get to know your child personally. They are responsible for tailoring your child's learning individually based on their stage of development and interests through a range of activities, opportunities and experiences planned especially for your child on a weekly basis

It is the responsibility of the key person to make observations on your child's progress and complete "A Learning Journey." This document forms part of the EYFS and includes the six areas of learning:

- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Communication, Language and Literacy Development
- ✓ Mathematical Development
- ✓ Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ✓ Creative Development
- ✓ Physical Development

The "Learning Journey" will contain examples of children's work, photographs and observations. The files are updated regularly and given to you when your child leaves Little Bloomers. Parents are encouraged to contribute to the Learning Journey with information about your child's achievements at home. For example if your child goes on holiday, masters riding a bike, writes their name or does something really special, no matter how big or small

we would love you to share it with us. Learning Journeys are available for you to view on a weekly basis to strengthen our partnership with our parents.

[Nursery Education Funding](#)

At Little Bloomers your child is entitled to 15 hours of Nursery Education Funding a week.

Every child is eligible to claim the grant for the term immediately after their third birthday.

For those that are eligible, the 2 year Funding is also available at 10 hours a week.

[Policies and Procedures](#)

A copy of Little Bloomer's Policies and Procedures can be obtained on request and are available in the entrance. They cover all aspects of the Nursery including Safeguarding Children, Medication, Sickness, Special Educational Needs, Equal Opportunities and Behaviour Management.

[Opening Times & Holidays](#)

Little Bloomers opening hours are 7am –6pm, 51 weeks of the year, closing only on public holidays and for five days during Christmas. When registering your child, we would ask for a £75 registration deposit to secure your child's place at the Nursery which is then refunded when your child leaves.

[For any additional information or an appointment to view Little Bloomers please contact](#)

[Kate Bloomfield on 01572 812828](#)

Session Times and Fees

Fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Children Under 2 Years

Minimum Session (09:00-12:30 or 13:30-17:00) MOD - £13.25 ~ Non-MOD £14.00

Including lunch or tea, all milk feeds and nappies

Full Day (07:00-18:00) MOD - £35.00 ~ Non-MOD £36.00

Extra hours either side of a session charged at MOD - £4.10 ~ Non-MOD £4.35

Children Aged 2-3 Years

Minimum Session (09:00-12:30 or 13:30-17:00) MOD - £12.50 ~ Non-MOD £13.00

Including lunch or tea and nappies

Full Day (07:00-18:00) MOD - £34.00 ~ Non-MOD £35.00

Extra hours either side of a session charged at MOD - £4.10 ~ Non-MOD £4.35

Children Aged 3-5 Years Not Funded

Minimum Session (09:00-12:30) or (13:30-17:00) MOD - £12.25 ~ Non-MOD £12.60

Including lunch or tea

Full Day (07:00-18:00) MOD - £33.00 ~ Non-MOD £34.00

Extra hours either side of a session charged at MOD - £4.10 ~ Non-MOD £4.35

Children Aged 3-5 Years Funded

Nursery Education Grant funded sessions are free to eligible children during term time (for a minimum of 38 weeks per year), subject to availability.

If you would like to access the free 15 hours entitlement only, sessions are available from 09:00-12:00 or 09:00-15:00 or 13:00-16:00

A 2 course hot lunch is included as part of the 09:00-15:00 session as a price of £2.50 a day.

3-5 year olds claiming Early Years Funding (maximum of 5 sessions funding available per week for a minimum of 38 weeks of the year) receive a discount of MOD - £3.30

Non-MOD - £3.40.

Kid's Club

For children aged 4-12 Years

Minimum Session (1 Hour) MOD - £4.75

AM Session (07:00-09:00) MOD - £7.15 ~ Non-MOD £7.65

This includes breakfast, drinks and drop-off at RAF Cottesmore Primary School.

PM Session (15:20-18:00) MOD - £10.25 ~ Non-MOD £10.74

This includes a snack tea, drinks and collection from RAF Cottesmore Primary School.

Holiday Club

For children aged 4-12 Years

Sessions Available:

An hourly rate is available at £4.75

07:00-12:30 - MOD - £12.25 ~ Non-MOD - £13.25

12:00-18:00 MOD - £12.25 ~ Non-MOD - £13.25

09:00-15:00 MOD - £12.25 ~ Non-MOD - £13.25

Includes a snack, drinks and a two course lunch

Full Day (07:00-18:00) MOD - £24.50 ~ Non-MOD £26.50

Includes a morning and afternoon snack, drinks and a two course lunch. You are required to provide your child with a packed lunch for tea at 4pm.

Parents should be aware that Little Bloomers Day Nursery can be flexible with their session times for the Holiday Club.