

Little Moonbeams
Day Nursery



*The very best in care, education
and fun!*

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Little Moonbeams Day Nursery consists of two beautiful Grade 2 listed buildings. One that accommodates the Babies and Toddlers and the other for Pre-School. Both offers a welcoming home from home environment.

Little Moonbeams Day Nursery opened in 2008 and is owned by Vicky and Hugh Martin. Vicky gained her Level 3 qualification in 1994 and has worked in childcare for over 30 years. The Nursery Manager is Sinead Childs who has been with Moonbeams for 15 years and is also Level 3 qualified.

The nursery is staffed with highly qualified nursery practitioners who are all passionate about offering the best level of care for every child.

We have a fantastic Chef, Haley, who provides home cooked meals for the children using fresh local ingredients. She provides a balanced menu that caters for all the children's dietary requirements. Haley is passionate about her role and believes that meal times should be a 'dining experience' that helps children develop their social skills whilst they enjoy nutritious home cooked meals.

Our Buildings

Our Pre-School building boast two play/learning rooms, an art room, role play room, soft play room and a beautiful sensory room. The Pre-School children have a huge variety of learning and play opportunities as the make fantastic memories with their friends.

Our Babies and Toddlers are just a short walk down the road in their lovely building where Chef Haley can also be found.

Each room is filled with exciting trinkets and treasures for the children to play with and explore. We love natural wooden objects and other 'real' items that allow for an open ended play experience. We measure with real scales, pour from real tea pots and have a wonderful time as we play and learn.



Curriculum

At Little Moonbeams we aim to provide a rich and stimulating environment that allows each child to develop their independence and self-help skills whilst feeling safe and secure. Children learn best through play and our experienced practitioners are there to enhance and challenge children's play and to make learning fun! We follow the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' and every child's progress is monitored through regular observations and formative assessments.

We welcome parent/carers involvement and they are encouraged to be partners in their child's learning. We use an electronic system to track and monitor children's learning and development and we encourage parents to contribute to this from home. We pride ourselves on our positive relationships with our parents and staff enjoy the daily contact with parents as they complete a personal 'hand over' at the end of each child's session where you will be informed about activities that your child has participated in, as well as details of their care routine for the session.



What to wear

Children are invited to wear whatever clothes they feel most comfortable in, but lots of messy play activities take place, so 'best clothes' may be more appropriate for 'home days'. We ask that children wear clothing that they can handle easily, enabling them to go to the toilet when needed and dress up for role play as independently as possible. A uniform is available for children aged 2 and above and this can be ordered directly from My-Clothing.com

Aprons are provided by the nursery.

Parents are asked to provide appropriate clothing i.e. coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellingtons for winter and sunhats for the Summer. Sippers are worn by the children in the Toddler Room and Pre-school room and we ask that all clothes are clearly labelled.

Outdoor Play

At Little moonbeams we spend lots of time outside! We have a lovely garden area, which the children make use of all year round.

We have double and triple pushchairs and a six seat pushchair-bus for our little ones, which allows us to leave the nursery and explore the community the children live in.

We are also lucky enough to have a minibus and enjoy frequent visits to the Enchanted Garden at Vicky's house and other local outdoor areas.

The children have access to all-in-one waterproof weather suits and during the Winter months we ask parents/carers to bring in wellies for their child as well as appropriate outdoor clothing.



Admissions

If you would like your child to join Little Moonbeams an application form must be returned to us detailing which sessions are preferred. These will be matched as closely as possible against current availability. A £50.00 booking fee per day required will also be required to reserve your child's place.

Key Person

When a child joins Little Moonbeams they are allocated a 'Key Person'. A Key Person is a named member of staff with responsibilities for a small group who ensures those children feel safe and cared for. The role is an important one and involves the Key Person meeting your child's emotional needs by giving reassurance, when settling and supporting your child's well-being. They also support your child's physical needs- such as nappy changing and are a familiar figure who is accessible and available as a point of contact for parents/carers if you have any worries or concerns. Working alongside with parents/carers Key Persons monitor your child's progress and development, carrying out regular observations and assessments when needed.

Every child will approach their start to nursery in a different way, and for some the period it takes to settle in will take longer than others. Key Persons work closely with parents/carers to decide how to help your child settle in and ensure your child feels safe, secure and comfortable. We truly understand how significant this period can be for your child and for you as a parent and we will do our best to make this start to childcare and education and enjoyable one for your child and a stress free one for you!!

We look forward to you and your child joining us at Little Moonbeams!

Activities

Children are encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities, including messy play, baking, and free art. We also play lots of games in small groups that allow the children to learn and develop to the very best of their ability.

Every child is treated as an individual and their personal interest are always considered. We pride ourselves on knowing our Little Moonbeamers well and encourage a family ethos across the nursery.

We know how important numbers and colours are but we also believe that children are happier when they master life skills and independence. Our children learn to go to the toilet independently, cut their own food, pour their own drinks and consider how our actions make others feel. Together we learn the importance of sharing, taking turns and most importantly, good manners.

We aim to encourage the children to be resilient and have high levels of self-esteem before they go off to big school.



How the Government Funding works

Every child is entitled to government funded childcare from the term following their 3rd Birthday. The amount of hours that are funded vary according to parents working status. Every child is able to access a minimum of 570 per year and a maximum of 1140 hours. At Little Moonbeams we offer the funding on a 'stretched' basis providing funded care for up 48 weeks of the year.



Sessions and Fees

The nursery is open for 50 weeks of the year, but is closed for each Bank Holiday. We also close for the last week in August for building maintenance and for the period between Christmas and New Year. We are open from 7.30am-6.00pm Monday to Friday and offer a choice of sessions.

Early Session:	7.30am-8.00am
Morning Session:	8.00am-1.00pm (Pre-School Rooms Only)
Afternoon Session:	1.00pm-6.00pm. (Pre-School Rooms Only)
Full Day	8.00am-6.00pm

The early session from 7.30am is available as a separate booking. Parents are able to 'drop-off' their child at any time throughout their session, but we ask that all parents are punctual in collecting their child at the end of their session.

Fees

Under 2 years - Funded Full Day - £30

Non Funded Full Day - £88

Under 3 years - Funded Full Day - £30

Non Funded Full Day - £84.50

3 to 4 Years - Funded Full day - £27.50 Funded Half Day - £17.50

Non Funded Full Day - £81.50 Non Funded Half Day - £49.50

Little Moonbeams fees include all meals plus nappies and home-made wipes for children aged 3 months to 3 years.

We do not offer any Term Time Only contracts at our Faversham setting but can offer these at our Sittingbourne nursery.

We accept all childcare vouchers and TAX FREE Payments.