

Baby Moonbeams



Prospectus
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Baby Moonbeams is located within the grounds of The Sittingbourne School in the town of Sittingbourne, Kent and offers a welcoming and exciting environment for children with excellent age appropriate resources.

The nursery is open Monday to Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm and we are registered with Ofsted to care for children between the ages of 3 months to 5 years.

The aims for our Nursery are to:

- Provide high quality care in a fun and educational environment, enabling children to learn and develop.
- Work in partnership with parents to maintain a high standard of care for their child and a positive attitude towards learning.
- Offer children and their parents/carer a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

During their time at Baby Moonbeams your child will be provided with:



- A safe and stimulating environment.
- Generous care and attention on an individual and group basis due to our staff to child ratios.
- Opportunities to develop friendships with children with whom they may be going on to Primary School and or live nearby.
- A personal key person who assesses the child's development in all areas and fosters their happiness and wellbeing.

Children's development and learning

The provision for children's development and learning is guided by a framework set by the Department for Education and Skills known as the Development Matters (2023)

The standards set are broken down into four distinct themes:

A Unique Child recognizes that every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. The commitments are focused around development; inclusion; safety; and health and well-being.

- **Positive Relationships** describes how children learn to be strong and independent from a base of a loving and secure relationship with parents and/or a key person. The commitments are focused around respect; partnership with parents/carers; supporting learning; and the role of the key person.
- **Enabling Environments** explain that the environment plays a key roll in supporting and extending children's development and learning. The commitments are focused around observation, assessment and planning; support for every child; the learning environment; and the wider context - transition, continuity, and multi-agency working.
- **Learning and Development** recognizes that children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates, and that all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.



Staff

Baby Moonbeams is one of two settings currently owned by Mrs Vicky Martin. Vicky has worked in the state and independent sectors for several years and is a mother to twins. Zaeema is the Manager; she is qualified to Level 3 standard with over ten years of experience.

All additional members of staff on the team at Baby Moonbeams are Level 3 qualified, have been fully CRB checked and First Aid Trained.

What to Wear?

Children are invited to wear what ever clothes they feel most comfortable in but we do offer a Children's Uniform comprising of a sweatshirt and polo shirt, please ask a member of staff for prices and details. Parents are warned that we will engage in messy and explorative play so 'best clothes' may be more appropriate for 'home days'!

Aprons for messy play are provided by the nursery.

Coats are essential for outdoor play, be it a rain or winter coat. Suitable shoes for the garden which are weather appropriate. Sun hats during the warmer weather. Hats, scarfs & gloves

during the winter. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked inside to avoid confusion.



Opening Hours, Admission and Fees for 2025

The nursery is open Term Time only and is closed for all Bank Holidays. Parents are not charged for sessions when the Nursery is closed. Our opening hours are from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Baby Moonbeams fees include all meals and snacks. It also includes nappies, wipes and formula milk for under ones.

FEES:

3 years and under

Full Day (9 hrs)	8:00am to 5:00pm	£67.50
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3 to 4 years

Full Day (9hrs)	8:00am to 5:00pm	£66.00
Morning Session (5hrs)	8:00am to 1:00pm (to include a hot midday meal)	£44.00
Afternoon Session (4hrs)	1:00pm to 5:00pm (to include a cold tea)	£38.00

Late collection of children will be charged at a rate of £10.00 for every 10 minutes. This is regrettable but must be levied to cover staff costs. An early start is provided from 7.45 (£4.00), if needed.

Funded Sessions

We offer funded sessions to include 15 and 30 hours Working families Funding, from 9months onwards. Please contact us for more information about our wrap around charges.

Session fees are reviewed annually and change from 1st January each year.

An application form must be completed and returned to us detailing which sessions are preferred and these will be matched as closely as possible against current availability. When details have been agreed between both parties, a registration fee of £50.00 will be required to reserve your child's place.

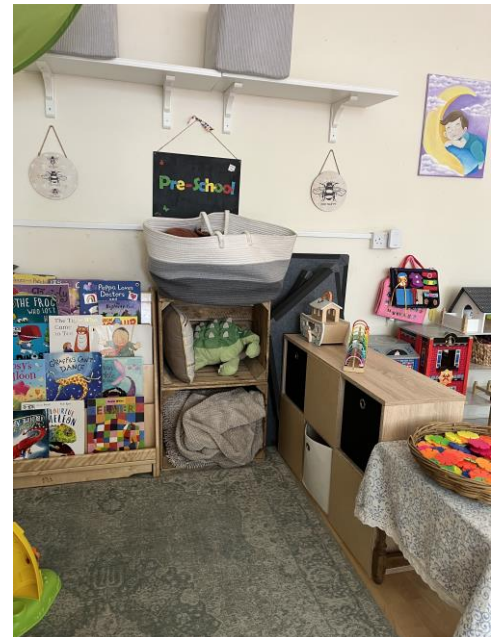
Fees are payable one month in advance by direct bank payment.

Fees will continue to be charged if a child is absent and each child's attendance is conditional upon prompt payment.

To withdraw your child from Baby Moonbeams we require written notice one calendar month in advance.

Our Approach to Learning

The non-toy approach that we have adopted is known as 'The Curiosity Approach'. The idea is that we take a step away from modern toys and technology and instead encourage children to be inquisitive and to explore the world around, using the natural curiosity that children are born with.



This approach has proven to have a marked effect on young children's language and social skill.

As early years providers we are encouraged to create a magical environment full of treasures that will fill children's minds with awe and wonder. We provide the children with 'Loose Parts' to explore rather than traditional toys.

Loose Parts - Our New Toys!

Loose parts are items that can be used in a multiple of ways with no pre designed outcome. Children can combine them, line them up, join them together or transport them. Developing opportunities for creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and counting, to name but a few. We have given the children more natural materials as they provide far more opportunities for creativity and imagination. They are flexible, open ended and aesthetic.



Activities

All children will be encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities both adult and child led. There will be many favorites available on a daily basis such as sand and water play, a book area and painting, along with adult led 'learning' activities.

The outside play area will be used every day except during heavy rain, so please ensure your child comes to nursery with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear where appropriate.

Parents Involvement

At Baby Moonbeams, we openly welcome parent's involvement and volunteer helpers also complement our ratios, allowing us to give even more quality time and attention to each child.

Please let staff know if you are interested in volunteering on an occasional or regular basis. We would ask that volunteers allow us to conduct a Criminal Records Bureau check. This is simply for safety and reassurance for our children and parents.

Meals and Snacks

We provide the children with a healthy, nutritious and enjoyable main meal each day, along with a filling breakfast and fresh supper in the form of sandwiches and fresh fruit. Every child is offered a healthy snack during each session and water is available at all times. Children and staff eat together each day in a family type environment. If your child has any allergies please ensure that full details are included on the relevant forms at the time of application.

Policies

A copy of all our policy documents can be located onsite, on request

Learning Needs

As part of our policy to make sure that Baby Moonbeams is meeting the needs of each individual child, we take into account any learning needs a child may have. The nursery works to the requirements of the 1993 Education Act and The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2015)



If you would like to discuss your child's needs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Starting at Baby Moonbeams

Every child will approach their start to nursery in a different way, and for some the period it takes to settle in will be longer than others. Staff will work closely with you to decide on 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 an enjoyable one for your child and a stress free one for you!



If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Zaeema at Baby Moonbeams on 07590 960908 or email zaeema@moonbeamsdaynursery.co.uk

Alternatively contact Vicky Martin at Little Moonbeams Day Nursery, Church Road, Upper Brents, Faversham, ME13 7DR. Tel: 01795 534432 or go to www.moonbeamsdaynursery.co.uk

Vicky Martin

Baby Moonbeams, Sittingbourne is associated with Little Moonbeams, Faversham.