



Limes Court
Nursery School

Parent Pack

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Welcome to our nursery.

Where curiosity and wonder are at the heart,
and early years education is nourished through
the eyes of the inquisitive child.

INTRODUCTION

Limes Court Nursery School is conveniently located in the heart of Tettenhall village. It has been lovingly set up by Jennie McMahon, a highly experienced Early Years Practitioner and local mother of three children. Jennie has over 22 years' experience in early years education. She has worked in a range of educational settings and has extensive experience working with children with additional needs. Jennie has also supported families and young children in the community as part of an early intervention programme.

With a passion for Early learning and childhood development, Jennie is delighted that she has had the opportunity to open her very own nursery and manage the nursery herself. Her aim is to embed her depth of experience and passion into creating a setting that provides excellent standards of care and early years education for families in Tettenhall and the surrounding areas.

Choosing the right setting for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever

make. The early years are such an important part of your child's development and the initial pathway to life-long learning. These crucial stages of a child's life need to be flourished with a sense of security, care and experiences that promote their physical, social, and emotional well-being. We strive to create a varied, stimulating, and nurturing environment where your child will feel happy and secure.

Our nursery looks at every individual 'unique child' and supports them in achieving their goals and potential. Our qualified and experienced staff are highly skilled practitioners who create an enchanting, inviting, and enabling learning environment that promotes self-driven learning alongside positive behaviour and relationships. The excellent nursery facilities and resources will allow your child to build on their interests and experiences whilst nurturing positive attitudes, growth of knowledge and development of skills.

Key Learning Priorities

“Children need time to grow and develop before formal learning begins in later life. Like they say... the early learning journey should be more like a marathon, not a race.”

When children have excellent early learning experiences that support the development of their physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs set out at the right pace, they are more likely to be ‘ready for school’ when the time comes around. Our promise is to provide a safe, happy, and secure environment for your child to flourish.

We passionately believe that children learn best through play, exploration and real-life experiences and are not physically, emotionally, and intellectually ready for overly formal learning at the nursery stage. Young children benefit from a calm, enabling environment that promotes engagement, exploration, and curiosity. This gives children the time and space to discover the world around them and gives them the freedom to master social, physical coordination, speech, and other life skills. These foundations are the underpinning building blocks that support a happy, secure and ‘school ready’ child.

“Play is the answer to how anything new comes about”

-Jean Piaget

We follow guidance from the Early Years Foundation stage statutory framework (EYFS) to ensure we are meeting your child’s developmental needs. Our nursery has a strong ‘learning through play’ ethos which must be carefully scaffolded by talented practitioners. Our approach promotes enthusiasm and eager little minds as the children learn to problem solve and ask questions. We promote curiosity and wonder through the careful use of ‘real and interesting’ resources.

Our practitioners also consider schemas (patterns of play/what your child enjoys doing). This helps to build a foundation and adds to the power of learning through interests and experiences. Our job is to reinforce all that you do with your child at home and consider every ‘unique’ child.

Our staff have a range of experiences and professional qualifications, including qualified teachers, but most importantly, they have the all-round qualities that contribute to being an excellent practitioner.

The Nursery Environment

A good learning environment is known as the third teacher. Parents/carers being the first teacher, practitioners being the second.

It is thought that children thrive in calming environments with limited 'visual noise.' You will see that we have carefully selected furniture and resources which reflect this. Our furniture is mainly made from natural wood and steers away from busy patterns and colour. Some resources are also made from natural materials and involve exciting 'real life,' artefacts for the children to explore.

We also use 'loose parts' including stones, shells, wooden rounds, pinecones, cloth; these can be used towards creating transient art, pattern making, building, posting, counting, or representing other things for example' food in the home area.

We have created pathways, nooks and learning areas for the children to discover. These include:

- Areas to sit comfortably & look at books
- A workbench & tool area
- Imagination area
- Access to writing materials
- Mathematical area
- Creative & sensory areas
- Planting area
- Baking & cooking area
- Inside & outside physical challenges

We also have a lovely outdoor courtyard where children can design their day and create their own physical challenges using our free rein climbing and balancing equipment.

Room displays are carefully designed so that they are meaningful to the child, enhance the learning environment but refrain from being overloaded with colour and text.

Enabling environments "mobilise the energy, attention, curiosity and focus of children"

Our Day

Everyday different- everyday new!

As you know, every day is so different when raising children. We understand the challenges and joys that parenting brings and the adaptations that must be made when needed.

We have a flexible approach where our staff attend to the needs of your child as they arise.

All care routines are of a high standard, meeting the needs of your child as an individual.

Your child will have an allocated keyworker who will be your first port of call when discussing information about your child.

MEAL TIMES

Limes Court nursery promotes the 'healthy child' providing carefully planned breakfasts, snacks, lunches, and afternoon teas. Nursery staff will provide breakfast and afternoon tea and our main midday lunch is cooked by a professional, local chef and delivered fresh to our nursery door daily. Our selected chef has vast experience cooking varied and nutritious meals for children: including dietary requirements and any allergies.

We encourage a set breakfast time, lunch time and afternoon tea-time but fruit snacks and water will be available throughout the day. Older children will be in-charge of their snack table, these key skills help develop independence.

(All meals are included in the nursery's daily fee **excluding funded places**)

REST TIMES

Sleep and rest will be indicated by your child and staff will do their best to ensure that they get the required sleep and rest periods in-line with their age, stage, and development.

Children have access to cots and sleep mats depending on their age and there is a pushchair option if your child is finding it hard to settle.

Fresh sheets are available daily and are changed after each sleep session.

We always use safe sleep regulations and children are constantly monitored throughout their rest periods.



Making Your Decision

When you have viewed the setting, you will be invited to meet and observe our practitioners working their magic. (Depending on the current COVID-19 restrictions) If COVID-19 restricts access to the nursery during opening hours, you will then be invited to view during an evening or weekend.

A senior member of staff will spend time with you ensuring they have the appropriate amount of information about your child and family. We like to build up a holistic picture of your child from the start so we can prepare for their nursery experience with us. We encourage you to get to know us too as we want you to feel you are making the right decision for your family.

Management will be on hand to answer any further questions and all nursery policies and procedures are available on request.

If you decide 'we are for you' you will be asked to fill in relevant forms and be introduced to our parent portal. From there, the journey begins, and we will work in partnership with you to ensure your child has a wonderful 'early years' experience with us.

THE TEAM

In addition to our staff being qualified at level 3 or above in childcare and education, they all have additional qualifications which are government regulated and updated within OFSTED required timescales.

- Professional induction process
- Paediatric first aid (full 12-hour course)
- Safeguarding children (at least level 1)
- Food hygiene
- Ongoing training

All staff undergo a full DBS check and are registered with the DBS update service; this service ensures that their records are checked annually

"Always make decisions that prioritize your inner peace."

- Izey Victoria Odiase

Fees & Payments

£56

Full Days:
8am – 6pm

+£4

Early Opening:
7:30am

£31

Morning Session:
8am – 1pm

£45

Shorter Day Session:
9am – 3pm

Under Review

Afternoon Session

Please call us to discuss the fees for term time only and the Early Years Free Entitlement for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years.

Included in our Fees:

- Breakfast: toast, porridge, cereal, and fruit
- Morning snack: fruit, milk (pre-schoolers will run their own snack table)
- Home cooked lunch: four-week rotating menu freshly prepared by our local chef
- Afternoon tea: on the same rotating menu basis as lunch
- Vegetarian, vegan, and a range of free from foods: for any intolerances, preferences, or allergies
- Afternoon snack: for those staying until after 5pm.
- Constant supply of filtered water and milk
- Weaning menu for babies: specially devised for our youngest children
- Waterproof trousers and tops: we provide quality all-weather clothing for our unpredictable climate
- Early Years Foundation Stage Teaching: Our staff are fully qualified to teach the EYFS
- Parent Portal: access to a range of facilities such as your child's EYFS Development Profile
- Baby sign classes: provided by a fully qualified level 3 BSL teacher/Makaton teacher
- Non-chargeable extras – such as Music and Movement, trips to parks, and wildlife reserves.
- Specialist trips will be an additional cost to everyone.

All you need to provide is nappies, wipes, nappy cream, sun-cream, and your chosen formula milk for younger babies; (and spare clothing)

Uniform: (available soon) on request: Polo shirt, Jumper, Cap (prices to be confirmed)

Extra Information

- FUNDED PLACES WILL BE CHARGED FOR MEALS, OUTINGS AND SPECIAL CLASSES/EVENTS

- Our fees are payable **calendar monthly in advance** by direct debit or nursery voucher on or before the 7th of each month. In exceptional circumstances we can accommodate other forms of payment, to be discussed with the Nursery Manager upon booking.

- If you are **paying by voucher**, then please let us know the company you are using and ensure that your child's name is used as the reference when the payment is made. If the voucher does not cover the entire fee, then any balance will be collected by direct debit. Please remember that both parents / carers are entitled to redeem the voucher.

- To book a place at our Nursery please email info@limescourtnursery.co.uk to confirm. We will advise you of the fees and a holding deposit. A holding deposit is charged to reflect the fact that we have turned someone else away to secure your place. The deposit will be taken off your final bill.

- We understand that from time-to-time **changes can occur** and we will endeavour to be reasonable given the circumstances. Should the booking hours increase then the deposit is adjusted to reflect this change. Should the booking hours decrease then the deposit remains payable at the original commitment level. We need at least 8 WEEKS written notice to be provided of any changes to the booking or when your child leaves the nursery. We will try to accommodate shorter notice periods especially if we are able to cover the change with another booking.

- There is a **minimum booking commitment** for all children aged 0 to 5 years of 2 half days or 2 full days. Bookings must be for the same session(s) each week and as previously mentioned, appropriate notice must be provided for any changes. Bookings for free entitlement places where no additional hours are required are offered on an as available basis, and we will endeavour to accommodate your needs.

- Our fees apply to **standard hours** of 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. for a full day and 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. for a half day. Afternoon sessions can be arranged on request. Fees are calculated evenly over a 51-week year and reflect an adjustment for bank holiday days when the nursery is not open. (Funded places will be invoiced on an individual basis)

- Unfortunately, we are unable to provide **refunds for a child's absence** of whatever nature including holidays, sickness, and nursery closure due to bad weather. Exceptional circumstances can be discussed with the Nursery Manager.

- Fees are **reviewed annually**, and 8 weeks minimum notice will be provided before any changes are made.

- **Extra sessions** can either be paid for on the day or collected with the following month's direct debit. Credit cards are accepted for extra payments. Extras are for additional sessions or additional hours and subject to availability.

Discounts are available for siblings in the nursery and apply for the duration that both children are attending. The rate of this discount will be 5% and it applies to the older of the two siblings.