



Little Acorns Montessori Bucklers Park

Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for the responses to our first newsletter. Please find below answers to a range of questions asked by parents and carers. The interest in the setting has been wonderful and we hope this provides everyone with some further information.

- Will the setting be open in September?

We are currently waiting on our initial Ofsted Registration visit. This is compulsory for all new settings and needs to be completed before a nursery is able to open. Based on current Ofsted wait times we anticipate this will be completed in the next two months allowing us to open the setting in September. We believe that we have been realistic with our timeline and are confident that unless there is an unexpected delay outside of our control with Ofsted we will be open in September.



- Does registering an interest guarantee a space?

Registering interest does not guarantee a place. We will initially be contacting parents and carers who have requested a space marked as "ASAP" or in September with details of how to enrol. The enrolment process will include a series of forms to complete and a deposit to pay, and this will be deducted from fees once your child is attending the setting. Once this is submitted you will receive email confirmation your space is reserved.

- What age can my child attend from?

The setting is for ages 24 months and above.

- Will you offer half and full days?

We want our settings to work for all families, we are hoping that we can offer flexible hours in the same way we do at our existing settings, but equally we need to know that this will work and make the setting viable. When completing enrolment you will be able to request the hours you want and we will try to accommodate this as best we can. This could be a mixture of full days, half days etc., and the drop off and pick up times that work for your family. This works well at our current settings and we want to offer this flexibility at Buckler's Park too.

- Will the setting offer term time only?

No, the setting only offers all year round provision. We will be open 48 weeks of the year. Term dates will be released soon.

- How will funding work?

The 30 hours a week term time funding will be stretched out across the year. This works out at 23.75 hours a week funding across the 48 weeks. Any extra hours a child attends on top of this would be paid at a set rate of £10 per hour. If your child only attends for their funded hours you will therefore have no charge each month. Funding can only be deducted when we have been provided with a valid funding code, and any changes to the code will need to be submitted to us; it is your responsibility to reapply as necessary on your Government Childcare account.

- Can we come to view the setting?

We have planned events coming up including a meet and greet event on site. We are also hoping to host open days when the setting is fully furnished and open. There is also the opportunity to visit our existing sites should you wish to see a Little Acorns Montessori setting in action to get a feel for our ethos.

- When will enrolment start and how many spaces are there?

Enrolment information will be sent out soon to those needing an asap and September start date as priority and then rolled out to later start dates. We have a limited number of spaces in the setting so if you are sure you want a space we recommend enrolling when you receive the information as to not miss out. The number of children the setting can provide for will depend on the hours and days requested per child.

- Do you have plans to utilise the forest?

Once the full team is in place we will complete curriculum planning and the necessary training to explore the use of the park and woods, this will be risk assessment dependent. The Bucklers Park Rangers have expressed their interest in supporting the delivery of outdoor activities and have provided an area in the allotment/community garden area for the nursery.



Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Level 3 practitioners to join our team with interviews happening over the coming weeks. If you know of anyone that might be suitable please ask them to contact us via email - Charlotte@littleacornsmontessori.co.uk

Our job advert can be found here:

<https://uk.indeed.com/job/nursery-practitioner-level-3-3096cff326298293>

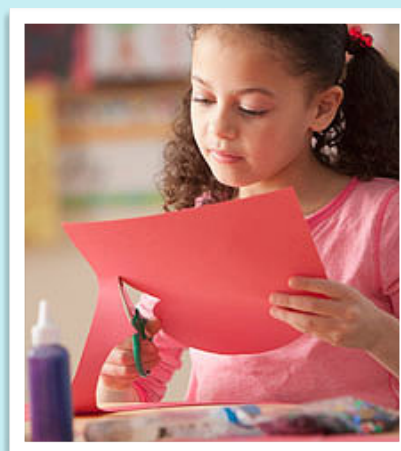
GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Starting September 2025, eligible working parents in England can get 30 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 4 years. For more information on what you are entitled to please use the Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Any funding you receive can be used at Little Acorns Montessori. This will be deducted across the year. You will need to register on the Government website and provide the setting with your unique funding code:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-childcare>



Website

For further information about our settings and what we believe in please visit our website. There you'll find further information about our approach to Early Years Education and Montessori-inspired curriculum. Each of our settings is unique and shaped by the children who learn there and the communities that surround them.

<https://www.littleacornsmontessori.co.uk/>

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