



Curious Little Minds Information Pack

Curious Little Minds Preschool
St Richards Church Hall
Collingwood Road
Goring

Welcome to Curious Little Minds Childcare

We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.30am- 3.30pm

Funded hours are between 9am and 3pm term time over 38 weeks a year

To provide choice and flexibility we offer the following sessions: -

	12mth	2+ years	3+ years	
8.30am -9am	£5.50	£4.00	£3.50	Funded or paid sessions
9am-12pm	£30.00	£21.00	£18.00	Funded or paid sessions
12pm – 1pm	£10.00	£7.00	£6.00	Funded or paid sessions
12pm – 3pm	£30.00	£21.00	£18.00	Funded or paid sessions
3pm – 3.30pm	£5.50	£4.00	£3.50	Funded or Paid session only
Creche service	£11.00	£7.50	£6.50	Paid sessions only

Other fees

Consumable fee of 30p per 3 hour session this helps to pay for snack, activities, and resources. (If you opt out of this fee you will need provide a healthy snack for each morning and afternoon session attended)

Registration fee £15 (not applicable to funded families unless you want to sign up to Tapestry online journal

Late collection fee £5 for first 15 minutes and £1 per minute thereafter. Late payment fee £5 per day Unless you have discussed this with management.

4 weeks' notice, in writing is required for the removal of a child from Bright little Minds; otherwise, parents are liable for a month's fees in lieu of notice. If a child is transferring from another setting, then we can accept them after the stated notice period with the previous setting has ended.

Parents are required to pay in full for any absences during term time including children's annual holidays. Government funding entitles you to 15 hours free childcare from the term after they are three or form one year (if eligible) and an extra 15 hours for eligible three-year-olds. We will aim to provide you with the days and time to suit your needs. Subject to availability.



Play

Play is the most effective tool for early learning. It is the child's 'work' and should be respected for its powerful impact on their social and intellectual development.

Our curriculum is delivered through a wide range of play activities. These are opportunities for both child-initiated and adult-led play. Spontaneous play is shaped by available resources and the indoor/outdoor environment. Staff may well interact with the children during such activities in order to extend learning.

More structured learning opportunities take the form of focus tasks and children's next steps activities. These involve a high degree of teacher input. We aim for these tasks to span the breadth of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum over each term.

Children's play is most often of a practical nature, which does not have an end product. If your child has not produced anything to bring home it does not mean s/he has not had a busy day!

Assessment

The main strategy for assessing young children is observation. Children's skills, knowledge and experiences are monitored regularly. This helps us to target their emotional and educational needs more precisely and understand children's next steps, so children are always developing learning and moving forward. Observation of activities and learning documented in individual online Learning Journals.

You will be invited to parent consultation with your child's keyworker at intervals throughout the year. This provides a more formal opportunity to discuss and celebrate your child's progress and to talk about the next steps for their learning. We will often talk informally with you about your child and always welcome your questions and comments.

Major changes at home can affect a child's behaviour and performance. In order to support your child, please inform us of any personal changes.



Arrival and departure

At the beginning of the session, children wait with parents/carers outside the setting until a member of staff invites the children in. Children will be supported to take coats and bags off to ensure a smooth and quick dropping off session. Unfortunately, we cannot engage in lengthy discussion at this time, and we advise parents to call or text if you need to pass on information or seek advice.

Collecting children at the end of the day, we ask you to wait outside. We will escort the children to the door individually and hand over to the parent/carer collecting that day.

If you are unavoidable detained when collecting your child, please phone **07731432379** to let us know, so that we can reassure your child. It is important for us to know who will collect them and we must be told of any changes to the normal arrangements. Anyone collecting a child must be over the age of 16. We will never let your child leave with someone we have not had former confirmation of .

Absence

It is important for your child's progress that s/he attends regularly. If your child is unable to attend, please let us know by telephone. **07731432379**

If your child is unwell or taking a course of antibiotics, please keep him/her at home as s/he will not enjoy pre-school and may infect others. If s/he has a tummy upset, allow a full 48 hours before sending them back to class. (we are unable to care for sick children)

If your child becomes ill during pre-school, we will contact you. It is important that you keep us informed of any change of phone number in case of emergency. Minor bumps and injuries will be dealt with by a qualified first aider. We will always inform you if your child has had any injury at nursery.

Clothing

Please send your child in clothes that they can manage themselves. Joggers and sweatshirts are ideal for the winter and shorts and t-shirts for the summer. Clothing should be easy to launder, as preschool activities can be very messy! All items of clothing should be named.

Children should not wear jewellery for reasons of safety.

Children have access to outdoor activities in all weathers, so please ensure they have waterproof coats and wellies for the rain, hats and gloves for the cold and sun hats when it's hot. Shoes should have easy fastenings, Velcro is ideal, as we encourage children to do as much as they can for themselves.

Snacks

All children in pre-school are entitled to free cow's milk, which will be available during snack times. Children will also have access to water should they prefer it or need another drink.

We offer the children a healthy snack each morning consists of toast, fruit, cereal and milk or water to drink. The afternoon snack is Pitta bread, crackers, cheese hummus fruit. Children eat and drink at the snack table and are encouraged to independently choose and prepare their own snack. (support is always available and snack is over seen by staff at all times)

If your child has any special dietary requirements, please discuss this with a member of staff.

Drinks

Please provide your child with a drinks bottle filled with water that they can identify, but also named to help staff identify it as well.

We would prefer you not to provide squash or juice as drinking this throughout the day can cause tooth decay. (please chat to staff if you have concerns with this policy)

Lunchtime

If you choose a lunchtime session, your child will need a packed lunch. It is advisable to put a cooler in the lunch box. We are a healthy setting so ask that there are no fizzy drinks, sweets, or chocolate bars in them. A treat is only allowed if they have eaten the rest of their meal. Please do not over fill lunchboxes with lots of choices. Lunchtimes area sociable occasion and are fully supervised with staff eating with the children.

Example of a healthy lunch box:

Hummus dip pitta
bread & vegetable
sticks

Tuna sweetcorn and
mayonnaise sandwich
with veg sticks and
fruit.

Tuna Salad box
malt loaf slice and
a piece fruit

A good source of information can be found.

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Toileting

Do not worry if your child is still in nappies, we will change them until they are ready for potty training. Please discuss toilet training with your child's keyworker, so we can work together to make this a successful

transition. If your child is still in nappies please send enough nappies, baby wipes, nappy sacks, and anything else they may need for their personal care in a named bag each day.

Starting Pre-school

Your child will be offered 2 settling in sessions of up to 2 hours per session to suit the needs of your child. We will discuss the start date and register you and your child onto our online learning journal and ask you to complete the All About Me Form, as this will give us a real insight to your child's home life and how to best support them during their settling in period. Your child will be allocated a keyworker who will discuss their wellbeing and development with you.

Preparing your child for Pre-school

We would like your child to be as independent and self-managing as possible. This will boost his/her confidence and self-esteem.

We will be working with you to support your child to do simple tasks themselves such as:-

- Dress and undress themselves. (help your child by providing clothes with easy fastenings, eg. Velcro, zips, large buttons).
- Go to the toilet and flush the system. Wash and dry hands afterwards.
- Blow their own nose.
- Tidy away toys and hang up coats.
- Learn to share toys
- Be independent – ensure that your child has spent time away from you. S/he will then learn to trust and seek comfort from other adults.
- Be able to eat their packed lunch independently.

We look are available to answer any questions you may have

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