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Prospectus

Blue Bubbles Pre-School







# How To Contact Us

## Opening Hours

7:30am—5:00pm Monday—Thursday

8:00am—4:00pm Friday

All year round and term time only placements available.

## Address

Blue Bubbles Pre-School

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## Contact Information

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**Ofsted Registration Number:** EY497949






# Welcome

## Blue Bubbles Pre-School Prospectus

Blue Bubbles Pre-School is a well established day care provision for children aged 2-5 years. It is situated on Sketchley Meadows industrial estate, Hinckley - just off the A5, providing excellent links to the M69, M1 & M6. Blue Bubbles Pre-School is owned and managed by Holly Watson, who has over 20 years of childcare experience. Blue Bubbles Pre-School is registered to care for up to 30 children. We are open Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am - 4:00pm, all year round. We offer all year round and term time only placements. We are closed all public/bank holidays. Blue Bubbles Pre-School is registered with Ofsted and is inspected on a regular basis. Blue Bubbles Pre-School is insured with Early Years Alliance.





# Blue Bubbles Pre-School

## **Blue Bubbles Pre-School Vision Statement**

Blue Bubbles Pre-school is committed to providing a safe, developmentally, inclusive environment for all our children. We are focused on supporting and nurturing our children's natural desire to be life-long learners.

## **Blue Bubbles Pre-School Mission Statement**

Guided by high expectations coupled with the knowledge that all children learn at different levels and speeds, our preschool staff will provide children with a broad range of educational & fun opportunities that will help each child learn to the best of their abilities.

We strive to develop and provide stimulating experiences in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage that enrich each child's social, emotional, physical, cognitive, intellectual and creative abilities. Our goal is to support individual children to develop the strengths and skills necessary for them to construct their own knowledge and prepare them for their next education environment.

Children will have a safe, wholesome, nurturing educational experience. Children will be in a safe learning environment in which children can solve problems and express their feelings through words, art and other creative areas. Children will be exposed to positive experiences, used to help shape them into successful members of a social world.

Parents are an integral part of the educational process. In recognition of this important role, parental involvement is actively sought, encouraged and welcomed.

# All About Blue Bubbles

Blue Bubbles Pre-School has been designed to maximise play opportunities for all children. Our Pre-School consists of dedicated indoor and outdoor learning environments.

Our indoor area is a large open space incorporating a kitchen zone for cooking, messy play area and comfy zones for quiet and story times. We have a role-play area and a climbing zone in our main pre-school room. We offer a vast amount of equipment and resources to support children in their play and learning in a well organised picture/print environment. Our pre-school also has a separate sensory room. We have an on-site indoor soft play facility, as well as an additional purpose built role-play area, that children access on a daily basis. These experiences makes our pre-school quite unique.

We have a free-flow, self contained outdoor area that builds on all 7 areas of learning and development within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The floor has a wet pour covering and sheltered area enabling all year round outdoor play, building children's interest in the natural environment. Outside also offers various large play equipment and resources, including a sand and water pit and a wooden play ship.

Blue Bubbles Pre-School has three open plan children's toilets, one of which is a disabled toilet with a nappy changing area. This enables children to develop their self-care and independence skills.

All children attending Blue-Bubbles Pre-School will have access to Bubbles Active Play (indoor soft play equipment).

# Meet Our Team



The Owner and Manager of Blue Bubbles Pre-School is Holly Watson. Holly has over 20 years experience working with children ranging from private nannying, running her own child-minding business, to now owning and managing her own pre-school.

Holly holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Years and Early Years Initial Teacher Training Qualification. Holly is the designated professional to take the lead responsibility for safeguarding children in the provision. Holly has attended additional management and designated person safeguarding training. Holly is the Data Protection Officer for the setting.

The deputy manager is Jo Hilton. Jo has over 13 years experience working with adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Jo has in depth experience when supporting SEND children in a local specialist school. Jo is the provisions Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO). Jo holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Years. Jo is the setting Deputy Safeguarding Officer, she is SENCO and NCFE Level 2 trained in Safe Handling of Medicines. Jo has used Makaton on a daily basis for a number of years and this is implemented into our pre-school's everyday practice.

All Blue Bubbles Pre-School practitioners have a wealth of knowledge and experience of childcare. Our team is focused on working together to provide the best possible learning environment to support your child's needs and development. All staff have enhanced DBS checks in place to ensure they are suitable to work with children. All staff hold up to date certificates in first aid, food safety and safeguarding. Staff hold relevant childcare qualifications, as well as various other training such as oral health, prevent, signs & symbols. The Blue Bubbles Pre-School team have been selected because of their individual skills, experience and attitude towards providing care for all children.

# Learning and development

Blue Bubbles Pre-School implements in-depth policies and procedures in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory requirements. These are kept as hard copies in our pre-school and also online via parents Tapestry accounts, they are available at all times. The EYFS and Development Matters underpins everything that we offer and ensures we provide high standards of care, learning and development for each individual child. We have developed an ambitious inclusive curriculum that provides equality of opportunity and an anti-discriminatory practice. It is designed to encourage all children to build on their learning overtime while enabling them to bring their own interests in at their own pace. Our curriculum is based in the seven areas of learning and development in the EYFS.

Play underpins the delivery of the EYFS so we provide all children with well planned, individually tailored play experiences in our dedicated indoor and outdoor learning environments. As part of our daily routine we implement experiences such as focus sessions, story times, circle times, purpose built role play areas, messy play, sensory sessions, ICT, communication and well-being groups, cooking, outdoor play and much more. We celebrate various festivals throughout the year and have themed topics that change termly. We have outside organisations visit our pre-school to offer more widespread experiences such as yoga and drama.



All children have daily access to our large on-site indoor soft play frame. This experience is extremely popular with our children and makes our pre-school quite unique! We actively encourage home learning by providing a wide range of resources that can be taken home such as cook books, story and mathematics sacks, Bubbles buddy, star of the week and our show and tell box. Our aim is to support and encourage all children to progress through the EYFS towards meeting the Early Learning Goals.

At Blue Bubbles Pre-School we recognise the importance of children forming secure attachments with the practitioners and other children attending our provision. With this in mind each child has an assigned key person from the moment they attend our setting. This practitioner will support your child's transition into our pre-school and help them to settle and make friends. This practitioner will work closely with your child and family. Your child's key person will be your main point of contact and you will receive regular updates about your child's progress, achievements and next steps, they will complete your child's assessments and progress summaries. Your child's key person will also be linked on your Tapestry account so you can share information.



# Partnerships

At Blue Bubbles Pre-School we believe in putting children at the centre. In order for your child to receive the best quality of care, parents/carers and practitioners/professionals need to work together in close partnership.

We believe sharing of information is key to the successful implementation of meeting your child's needs to the highest standard and the best of our ability. We value and welcome your input.

Staff will be available for short periods of time when you drop off/ pick up your child at the gate if you need to discuss anything. Appointments can be made if longer discussion times are needed. If more privacy is needed, please let a member of staff know.

We welcome professionals in to our setting such as health professionals, SALT and teachers as your child's health, well being, learning and development is paramount to us.

Throughout the year we hold parents evenings, open days, workshops and stay and play mornings to promote and maintain positive partnerships with our parents/carers. These meetings are a chance for you to meet with staff, spend time in the setting, as well as view your child's work and their learning journeys/stories. Regular newsletters are sent out via email (unless otherwise stated) to keep you informed of important dates, changes/updates to practice and need to know information. Throughout the year we go on various outings, these are organised in advance and we invite parents/carers to join us on these occasions.







# Meals and Snacks

We regard snack and meal times as an important part of our day. Eating represents a social time for children and adults, and helps children to learn about healthy eating. We promote healthy eating using various resources and materials. At snack and meal times, we aim to children to be provided with nutritious food, which meets the children's individual dietary needs.

A healthy lunch is essential to enable your child to grow and develop. We praise healthy lunch boxes and food choices with our 'Apple Certificate'. Blue Bubbles Pre-School is a Healthy Tots Accredited setting and we ask for our parents/carers support to maintain this status.

Daily Lunch Hour: 12:00noon to 1:00pm

## Drinks

Children have access to our 'hydration station' throughout the whole day. This includes drinks such as fresh water, milk and sugar free juice. Practitioners will support your child to use this station at meal times and at regular intervals during the day. We have a range of cups and beakers to support children in all stages of their drinking.

## Tuck Shop

We offer a mid-morning tuck shop to all children, this consists of a wide range of healthy foods such as cheese and crackers, yogurt and seasonal fruit etc. It is a great opportunity for children to try a variety of new foods alongside their peers and practitioners.



### **Blue Bubbles Lunches**

Hot/Cold meals can be provided by our pre-school at an additional cost. Our two weekly menu is displayed on our notice board and on parents Tapestry accounts.

Our menu is revised at least twice a year to ensure variety in foods and choices, parents and children have an input to what meals we offer.

Our menu is underpinned by The Eatwell Guide to ensure we are offering well balanced, healthy, nutritious meals.

The cost of these meals is for a main and dessert.

We cater for all food allergies and intolerances.

### **Packed Lunches (From Home)**

You will be expected to provide your child with healthy, balanced foods when bringing in a packed lunch and snacks from home (ask our practitioners for our lunch box and snacks ideas folder!). Please ensure packed lunches are self-contained as this will help prepare your child for school by building on their independence and confidence. Lunch boxes will be stored in the pre-school fridge until lunch/snack times.

Please ensure that all food included in your child's lunch box is free from high risk allergen foods i.e. nuts.

# Government funded early education schemes

## Funded Childcare

We offer fully funded placements using the following government schemes

- 2 year funding for families receiving some additional forms of government support
- 2 year working parent funding
- 3/4 year working parent funding (15/30 hours)

This funding can be used flexibly and throughout all of our opening hours.

Funded childcare placements are offered where no additional fees are required to access the placement, the hours are fully funded.

For more information or to check eligibility please visit the Childcare Choices website.

## Childcare Vouchers/Schemes

We accept the following vouchers/schemes to help towards the cost of your childcare:

- Government tax free, tax credits, universal credits, support while you study and vouchers schemes

For more information or to check eligibility please visit the Childcare Choices website.





# Fees

## Hourly Fee

£5.60 per hour

Blue Bubbles Pre-School offers flexible childcare where you choose the days and hours of attendance to meet your individual circumstances. (subject to placement availability). We offer full time, part time, all year round and term time only placements.

## Early/Late Fees

Early drop off/late pick up fees are charged at £2.80 every 15 minutes (to the nearest 15 minutes), unless prior arrangements have been agreed.

A set charge of £5.00 plus £2.80 every 15 minutes will be charged for lateness after closing time.

## Additional Charges

We charge £2.00 per day for all children inclusive for additional services not covered by government funding or our private hourly rate.

## Blue Bubbles Lunches

Hot/Cold lunches can be provided by our pre-school at an additional cost of £3.50 each day (consists of main meal and dessert). Snacks can also be provided starting at 70p each. Your child is more than welcome to bring a packed lunch and snacks with them to pre-school from home at no additional cost.

## Uniform

Blue Bubbles Pre-School logoed uniform can be purchased if required. Uniform is not compulsory. Please speak with staff for further details.

# Extra

# information

**Parents/Carers must ensure** that children are provided with spare clothes, nappies and wipes (if needed) each time they attend.

**Children will have the opportunity** to play outside everyday (apart from in severe weather conditions). Please ensure that your child attends pre-school in appropriate clothing/ footwear for the time of year/weather conditions.

**Please ask to see** our extensive policies and procedures, hard copies are kept in pre-school, they are also on your Tapestry account. These documents are accessible to staff, parents and carers at all times. Updates to these documents are sent out via Tapestry (unless otherwise stated).

**Blue Bubbles Pre-School** logoed clothing can be purchased for your child. Please note that these items are not compulsory, though they are available if you would like. Please ask a member of staff for our pricing guide or further information is on our contractual paperwork.

For any other enquiries or questions, please contact using the information on the 'How to Contact us' page.

## **Did you know?**

Blue Bubbles Pre-School also has a holiday club for 2-10 year olds. Available throughout all school holidays, advanced booking is advised.