
Little Swans Is here for you and your child. All areas help children develop to their full potential through implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We help parents and families in the community with childcare, parenting skills, health care and much more.

Ref: (NN) Level 3 Nursery Nurse, (NA) Nursery Assistant Level 2 or working towards. Owner and Manager both graduate leaders, Assistant Manager graduate / teacher status; Supervisors all Level 3 or above, as well as management and team leading qualifications.

Elaine Boulton Owner for 18 years' service, Samantha (Sam) Manager 15 years' service. Rose Sargent Assistant Manager started September 2018.

At Little Swans, we offer a home visit as part of your child's transition into nursery. Please refer to our Home Visit Policy.

“Jelly Babies” 3mths- 2 years

Our baby unit opened its doors for the first time in Dec 05. It is a very large luxurious purpose-built room with a large expanse of area for the children to explore.

The baby unit is situated behind the main nursery building. A cosy home environment, carpet, settee, blinds all especially adapted to create a familiar comforting atmosphere. The unit has space for babies to rest, sleep, play and explore.

Our unit caters for 24 babies from 0- 2 years old (Jelly Babies)

Our babies' needs are established when they first start at the nursery by carrying out a home visit to suit the parent. Parents are asked to complete a questionnaire about all the babies' routines, including sleeping and eating habits, and any medical history or known allergies in order for our early year's staff to help baby and their family settle quickly into nursery.

The unit has its own baby changing area and a wide variety of toys and equipment, which encourages child development.

The babies in our care always have “special time” with their key person – with lots of love, cuddles and interaction! Activities include, playing games, providing stimulating creative experiences, reading and singing to baby as well as performing all of our caring duties.

Parents are given a written record of activities their baby has completed during the day, what they have eaten, when they have slept and all other relevant information.

Babies are fed according to parent's specific instructions. Parents are asked to provide nappies, wipes, commercial / liquidised food, and formula milk.

When your child is one-years-old they will progress from baby milk and food to our nursery menu where food is provided at no extra cost, along with pasteurised milk throughout the day.

Although we have a routine in our baby unit, each baby's individual needs will have priority.

‘Jelly Tots “2 years old

The Jelly Tots room caters for 16 children. They have their own toilets for the children that are potty training as well as their own wash basins to start to learn basic hygiene skills. Low level open windows encourage the children to look outside and communicate with others. They have their own pegs to encourage them to take off their coats and hats themselves and hang them up; creating a sense of belonging. Toys and activities encourage small and big muscle movement as well as promoting cognitive development.

“Smarties” 2 year olds

Smarties have two large playrooms that are well equipped and cater for all the children's needs.

The children learn how to become independent by having practical life lessons, washing and drying their own hands and using the small toilets. Pre-reading and pre-writing skills are also developed in this group by means of pencil control, scissor work, artwork, painting, chalking, number, colour and shape recognition through a stimulating and structured free play environment.

Individual on-going assessment allows our children to work at their own pace.

Sweeties 3 year olds

Sweeties have three large play rooms especially planned for this lively active group with work rest and play areas. And runs as our lower pre-school unit.

‘Rolos and Heroes’ 3-4 years’ old

Children are situated in a self-contained unit. Rolos have the downstairs while Heroes occupy the first floor. Both classrooms have a lovely colourful large play area, with their own toilets and washbasins. It is divided into key areas where the children have access to a multitude of educational toys throughout the day during free play. Rolos and Heroes visit the local library for story and computer sessions as well as the local Forest School. They have organised trips off the premises; for example, visits with our elderly residents in the community.

The whole of the first floor is dedicated to the Heroes. The large spacious room has been divided into areas as follows; construction, technology, writing, imaginative, creative, maths, and role play. There are also special quiet areas for the children to develop their computer skills and read library books. These areas can be sought by children as and when they choose, during free play, with all activities on offer throughout the course of the day, and varied daily to ensure the children are stimulated at all times.

During the foundation stage these areas of learning will be introduced in ways that are suitable for your child, often through play.

Individual ongoing assessments and observations allows for each child to work at their own pace.

Throughout the year, the children participate in planned outings/trips to extend their learning and development. Trips organised by nursery are free to ensure no child is excluded. We have enjoyed trips to Sheldon Heath Country Park, Pantomime, Funactiz, Cinema and Elmdon Park.

Children in preschool (Rolos and Heroes) also attend the library regularly for story sessions as well as visiting the residents at Carrs Lane care home and other residential homes for the elderly at Easter and Christmas to sing their favourite songs. Our children in Heroes also perform two assemblies each year; leavers and nativity for parents and families to watch. They are fantastic!!

