



THE LITTLE RED HEN NURSERY SCHOOL

# PROSPECTUS

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**The Little Red Hen** is a private nursery school for boys and girls aged 2-5 years. It is open from Monday to Friday 9.30 - 12.30 with an additional two 'Afternoon School' sessions on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.30 - 3pm. Parents are asked to bring in a named packed lunch for their child and are required to commit on a termly basis.

The school year consists of three terms each of about twelve weeks with one week's half-term and we have two entries throughout each academic year, September and January.

Education is a partnership with parents. This small school, established in 1989, offers a happy, safe and stimulating introduction to schooling. It provides traditional teaching, combined with carefully selected elements of the Montessori Method for learning and play, in which academic and social skills, individual talents and consideration and sensitivity to the needs of others are developed. A secure garden allows outside play in fine weather.

#### **The Little Red Hen School Aims:**

- To provide a safe, happy and fun educational environment
- To promote individual aptitudes and team achievement at work, play and games in a friendly, motivating atmosphere
- To develop a moral understanding, good manners and self-discipline
- To prepare children for their next school and to take a confident and active part in their future lives
- To teach the importance of a healthy diet fruit is always offered at break time. We ask parents to bring in a piece of fruit each day as well as a named water bottle for their child.

The ratio of children to teachers is as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The syllabus includes basic letter and number work, reading and writing, introductory French, music and movement, musical instruments, simple cooking, nature study, gardening and discussions on general subjects as well as customary nursery school activities such as water play and sand play.

The Little Red Hen is following The Early Years Foundation Stage set out by Ofsted for children to achieve by the time they enter compulsory education at five years old. Curriculum planning is designed to cover children's development in seven areas of learning listed by the Department:

**Communication & Language**  
**Personal, Social & Emotional**  
**Development**  
**Physical Development**

**Literacy**  
**Mathematics**  
**Understanding of the World**  
**Expressive Arts & Design**

Children progress at different rates and individual achievement varies. We are aware of their very young age in the school and the curriculum is flexibly structured so that as they approach the end of their time with us, at four plus, they are best prepared for their next school in line with prevailing education policy.

Care is taken to assess record and report on the progress and achievement of each child and these files can be viewed by parents on request. A two year progress report is conducted which is usually in a child's second term at the nursery before they become three years old. We also provide a written report at the end of the summer term and hold parent's evenings in both the Michaelmas and Lent terms. We are always very happy to discuss individual children's progress and problems with parents at any time, either before or after school.

The teaching staff are fully qualified; DBS checked and know each other well.

Below are testimonials given by former parents about the nursery, the teaching and the staff:

"I chose this small, caring nursery because of Miss Zara's wonderful rapport with the children."

"Little Red Hen is an outstanding nursery which provides a warm and loving environment for little ones to learn, grow and explore and have fun."

"It is clear that Miss Zara cares about the needs of each child as an individual and she has a genuine passion for her vocation."

"Our son got a lot out of his time there, passed the assessment for his prep school and left a confident little boy, but most of all he seemed to have fun in the process."

"Miss Zara has a talent for inspiring and amusing the children and he started to learn to read letters, to write his name, to draw and to count in a very gentle way and so was perfectly prepared and ready for his next school."

"My children were stimulated, entertained, taught the value of others, made friends and most of all they loved being there."

"All of my three children were nurtured as individuals, never pushed and loved their time spent there."

The Little Red Hen is a Registered Nursery Education Provider. This enables children between the ages of 3-5, subject to Local Authorities prevailing conditions, to receive a grant to help with the cost of their nursery education at the school.

You are most welcome to come and see the school for yourselves and discuss any special needs and questions you may have. Please telephone to make an appointment so that you can see the school in action. We would very much like to encourage parents who have a particular skill or interest that they would like to share with the children. If you feel you might make a contribution in this area, please will you get in touch with the school.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### REGISTRATION / WAITING LIST

The fee to register your child at the school is £50 and a cheque for this amount payable to The Little Red Hen Nursery School should accompany the return of the enclosed Registration Form. Entry into the School is normally at the start of any term although children may be accepted during a term. If the proposed entry term for your child into the school is full your child will be placed on the waiting list. Once your child is registered or placed on a waiting list, the registration fee is not refundable. The waiting list assures your child priority registration for the proposed term if a place becomes available. (We will let you know in advance when a vacancy occurs.)

The waiting list, which carries no certainty of a place, operates on a first come first served basis. Independent nurseries are strictly regulated in relation to numbers. An excess of demand for places means that we are in the position of having to cause disappointments. This is regrettable but inevitable. We only have a certain number of places available each term and we believe our method for dealing with the waiting list is entirely fair and transparent. There is generally movement each term as people's circumstances change and we always endeavour to accommodate as many children as possible.

We will now be sending out the offer letters at the start of every Autumn term for the following Spring/Autumn terms so that parents have further advanced notice of the certainty of a place for their child. The offer letters are sent out giving parents 3 weeks notice to respond to the offer of a place at The Little Red Hen.

The school secretary will then contact parents either by email or by telephone. Once she has an idea of any spaces that have become available, she will then systematically work down the waiting list. Our new policy is that we will either ring or email parents on the waiting list first to advise them that we would like to offer their child a place and if they accept the place, to be confirmed in writing, we will then send an offer letter with the details for the deposit to be paid. A further email will then be sent out confirming payment of the deposit and outlining what to expect when their child starts at The Little Red Hen.

**Where a child is registered to attend less than 5 sessions per week for the first term (days allocated by the nursery), the child will move to 5 sessions per week for the second term and thereafter.**

## ACCEPTANCE

Before your child's proposed entry term, we will write to you to offer your child a place at the school. Upon your written acceptance of the offer a deposit of £700 is required and on receipt of this the place will be confirmed. This deposit will be returned to you prior to your child leaving the school. You are contracted to pay the fees for the proposed entry term even if your child does not attend.

Each child will need a smock and a bag which are available from the school for £20.00 and £5.00 respectively.

## FEES

Fees are regularly reviewed and a term's notice of changes will be given.

Fees are due by the first day of term.

Fees for 2017/2018 (Please note fees are currently being reviewed) are: £1940 for 5 morning sessions and £1500 for 3 morning sessions.

Kindly contact the school for information about afternoon play sessions and the holiday club.

A complete term's written notice of withdrawal of your child is required, failing which a term's fees will become due and payable by the first day of the term that the child is withdrawn.

**REGISTRATION FORM & WAITING LIST**

Kindly complete and return to: THE LITTLE RED HEN, c/o 11a Tremaine Road, London SE20 7UA.

Child's name ..... Date of birth .....

Mother's name ..... Father's name .....

Occupation ..... Occupation .....

Address .....

Telephone: (Home) ..... (Work) .....

Mobile: .....

Email address: .....

Special information about your child (if any):

Doctor's name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone .....

Immunisations: .....

Infectious diseases: .....

Proposed entry term Sept or Jan ..... No. of Morning sessions:.....

I have read and accept the terms and conditions of the prospectus.

I enclose the registration fee of £50.

Signature of Mother

Signature of Father

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Date: .....

School use: R or W

Acceptance Deposit: