



THE LITTLE RED HEN NURSERY SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS

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The Little Red Hen is a private nursery school where we are registered to take children aged from 2-5 years. However, we would generally recommend that the best age for a child to join us would be from approximately 2.5 years as we find that children tend to settle in more happily and with greater enthusiasm when they are just a little bit older.

The school provides weekday morning sessions, term time only, from Monday to Friday from 9.30am - 12.30pm. Depending on their age, children generally join us for 3 consecutive mornings for their first term and then automatically move onto 5 morning sessions a week from their second term onwards.

The school also operates an additional two 'Afternoon School' sessions on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.30 - 3pm. Children who attend the afternoon sessions do so for a full day and parents are asked to bring in a named packed lunch for their child. Afternoon sessions are entirely optional, but we do require parents to commit to them 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 and 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: Teaching and developing an understanding of phonics and phonemes, number work, nature study, gardening activities, daily discussions on a broad variety of topic related subjects, weekly music, ballet, cookery and science lessons as well as customary nursery school activities such as role play and experimenting in the sand and water trays.

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.

The Little Red Hen offers a broad and balanced curriculum, based around the Early Years Foundation Stage as compiled by the DFES. At the core of our educational policy are the seven early learning goals: the three Prime Areas being **Communication and Language**, **Physical Development** and **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; The four Specific Areas are: **Understanding of the World**, **Literacy**, **Expressive Art and Design** and **Mathematics**. We also have a music teacher, 'Mr John' who comes in to sing with the children every Tuesday and 'Miss Emily' who comes in to teach ballet every Thursday throughout the term. Within the curriculum we aim to use the best of both traditional and Montessori methods but the children will also have many chances to experience structured play and free play which are both a very important part of their early learning experiences.

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 the progress and achievement of each child in order to ascertain their next steps. A 'two year check' progress report' is sent to parents, usually in a child's second term at the nursery before they are three. We also provide a written 'leavers 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, though preferably 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;

"Little Red Hen is a special place, led by the wonderful Miss Zara and supported by great teachers. They give little ones the best possible start and provide the happiest environment which is evident each day. My three girls have loved every moment and have always looked forward to going each day."

"If you're looking for an environment of love, kindness and nourishment I cannot recommend this nursery highly enough."

"I couldn't ask for a better start to my children's school life. Little Red Hen is cosy and warm and full of fun and yet, without knowing it, they all start school so well prepared and ahead of the game".

"All three of my children have felt stimulated, encouraged and loved at Little Red Hen and it is exactly the sort of nursery experience I had envisaged for them: local, nurturing and utterly down-to-earth. On top of this they learn a huge amount and leave with heavy hearts but equipped, confident and ready for the next stage."

"Happy, creative and inquisitive 'Hen's' leave nursery having been given the best building blocks on which to build. It is one of Battersea's best kept secrets."

"We could not have wished for a better start to our children's education. It has been a joy to witness them grow in confidence and flourish under the nurturing eye of Miss Zara and her wonderful and enthusiastic team who encourage a keen sense of curiosity and love of learning."

"I can't imagine a more wonderful nursery than 'The Little Red Hen'. Miss Zara is the foundation of that nursery, her kind, positive and energetic nature warms both children and parents alike. My son and my daughter have both been there and had the happiest time. They have made great friendships and would skip in with big smiles on their faces every morning. All the teachers are so kind and friendly, and you know that they genuinely enjoy being with the children. I couldn't have asked for a better start to my children's education."

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 in action and to discuss any questions that you may have with Jess Webb who conducts the nursery viewings. Please telephone to make an appointment and we shall very much look forward to meeting you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

REGISTRATION AND WAITING LIST

The fee to register your child at the school is £75 and a transfer for this amount is payable to -

The Little Red Hen Nursery School
Account no. 65176669
Sort code. 51 50 02

Please ensure that you use your child's full name as a reference.

The registration form should be completed and signed and then a paper copy posted to:

THE LITTLE RED HEN, c/o 11a Tremaine Road, London SE20 7UA.

Please note that we do require the registration form to be signed and returned as a paper copy before we can register a child or put them on the waiting list. You should also be aware that by signing the registration form, you are agreeing to the terms and

conditions of the prospectus. Once your child is registered and/or placed on a waiting list, the registration fee is non refundable.

Entry into the School is normally at the start of the Autumn and Spring terms although children may be accepted during a term. If the proposed entry for your child into the school is full, your child will be placed on the waiting list. 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 that 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.

ACCEPTANCE AND DEPOSIT

We typically send out offer letters a year in advance of the proposed term of entry, so that parents have plenty of 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. Acceptance of an offered place must be done in writing.

If we consider that your child is a little bit too young to start at the school on a proposed entry term, we will write to the parents and offer a place at a later date, typically one or two terms after the requested entry term.

The school secretary will contact parents by email. Once she has an idea of any spaces that have become available, she will then systematically work down the waiting list and contact parents accordingly. All offers must be accepted in writing within the 3 week deadline.

Once parents have confirmed they are accepting their child's place, we will write to you asking for a deposit of £800. Parents will be given 6 weeks notice from the date of the letter, to pay the deposit. **When paying the deposit, please use your child's name as the reference.** A further letter will then be sent out to parents confirming receipt of the £800 deposit.

The 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.

In the event that parents have either not accepted an offered place within the 3 week notice period, or failed to pay the deposit within the 6 week deadline, the School can no longer guarantee that child's place and reserve the right to offer the place onto someone else.

Please note, depending on their age, children generally join us for 3 consecutive mornings for their first term and then automatically move onto 5 morning sessions a week from their second term onwards and thereafter.

Each child will need a smock and a bag which are available from the school for £25.00 and £7.00 respectively.

FEES

Fees per term as from Spring 2021 are:

- £2100 per term for 5 morning sessions a week
- £1625 for 3 morning sessions a week

Afternoon sessions are charged termly at £29.00 per session (the cost per term depends on the length of the term). You must commit on a termly basis for afternoon sessions.

Please note:

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

Fees are due in full on or before the first day of term.

The school reserves the right to make a late payment charge of £50 on all accounts not settled by this time unless previously agreed.

Withdrawing your child from the School:

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 sign and return a paper copy 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:

Child's doctor's name:

Address:

Telephone

Proposed entry term Sept/Jan and year No. of Morning sessions:.....

Special information about your child (if any):

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

I have paid the £75 registration fee.

Signature of Mother

Signature of Father

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Date:

School use: R or W

Acceptance Deposit: