



About Us



Happiness • Confidence • Achievement • Opportunity • Potential

Leigh Lollipops Pre-School Nursery aims to provide a happy and caring learning environment for children aged from 2½ to 5 years old, in which every child is supported and encouraged through their learning journey to develop to their full potential.

Leigh Lollipops Nursery has been established in Leigh Village Hall for over 40 years and is registered with Ofsted on the Early Years' Register to provide care for children from 2½ to 5 years.

Facilities at our beautiful rural setting include our large hall, which is divided into areas with activities to promote learning, and a recently developed enclosed area outside for outdoor play.

In our nurturing and caring environment, we work together with parents to enable children to become inquisitive, confident and happy individuals by providing opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments through play.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which sets the statutory standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. All schools and Ofsted-registered early years' providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, pre-schools, nurseries and school reception classes.

The EYFS covers seven areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

We actively work to get the children ready and confident for school in areas such as eating socially, toileting, expressing their needs, dressing / undressing and we use teaching tools such as Jolly Phonics, a fun and child-centred approach to teaching literacy.

Visitors and parents come to talk to us and share their knowledge of many different areas, e.g. caring for pets, animals, local farming, the fire service and healthy living.

Teachers visit us to lead other activities including yoga, singing and music.

All of our friendly staff are qualified or studying as Early Years' practitioners. They all hold current Paediatric First Aid certificates and regularly attend training courses to update knowledge in all areas of childcare. Most of the staff have been at Lollipops for many years.

Each child is allocated a member of staff as their Key Person. We have a high staff to child ratio and, even though all staff interact daily with every child, the Key Person will lead the development of their profile documentation and be available as first point of contact for parents.

Leigh Lollipops is run by a committee, made up mostly of parents. It is responsible primarily for fundraising, appointing the staff, dealing with the finances and matters relating to Ofsted and premises etc. The Committee is elected every year at the AGM; there is a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and other elected members.

As a charity, Leigh Lollipops relies a great deal on fundraising and it plays an important part in our community with social events such as our Christmas Fair and Teas on the Green. We recently

raised money for development of our outside areas enabling continuous access whatever the weather!

All parents are invited to committee meetings and there are lots of ways to contribute to the Committee.

We encourage our parents / carers to help during sessions on a rota basis. This not only helps the staff, but most importantly we know that children value having their parent or carer come along and share in what they do. Parents help for one or two sessions per half term, more if desired; we love to see grandparents and other family members too!

We are open during term times only, from Monday to Friday. Sessions run from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., with an optional extended Lunch Club session until 1:00 p.m. Afternoon sessions run on Wednesday and Thursday from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. with the session on Wednesday being a Forest School inspired session.

Funded places available for over 3s and FEET funding for 2 year olds.

Please visit our website to find out more www.leighlollipops.org

Please contact us if you would like to arrange a visit; come and see how much fun we have!

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