



# **LITTLE THINKERS NURSERY**



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Little Thinkers is a small family of Nurseries providing childcare and early years provision to families in Portsmouth and the South West. We pride ourselves on providing a safe, nurturing environment filled with learning opportunities.

We are a part of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, which makes us a 'thinking nursery' – this means we think big thoughts. We provide wonderful experiences and we develop confident, curious and resilient individuals.

Young children have spent a short time on the earth therefore much about it is a mystery to them. In a world dominated by technology, it is amazing that we can still be mesmerised by something that is not on a screen; something as wonderful as a shiny spider's web sparkling with dew upon a wet, Autumn morning. Our wonders will guide our adventures. We will seek out moments that wow and captivate children, causing their eyes to shine and their tongues to stick out in deep concentration.



## A Thinking Nursery

We are a 'Thinking' nursery. We provide wonderful experiences that stimulate children's senses so that the brain develops.

## Tailored Curriculum

As a part of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, our 'curiosity' curriculum is planned by experienced teachers who understand the next stage of education and are committed to laying the very best foundations during the early years for their all-through thinking journey.

## Lighting Up Learning

As a 'Thinking' nursery we understand the importance of developing thinking skills. In our setting we employ strategies to develop the strengthening of memory as well as a curriculum that encourages curiosity and develops questioning skills. We use the term 'I wonder' to help the children recall facts and think about events and objects in different ways.





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## What are the opening times of Little Thinkers?

Little Thinkers is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

## Can my child receive any free hours of childcare?

If your child is eligible for government funding, they can receive the following hours free from:

**15 hours (9 months - 2 years)** - free from Little Thinkers

**15/30 hours (2, 3 and 4 years)** - free from Curledge Street Academy/Kings Ash Academy Nurseries

## How much does it cost to send my child to Little Thinkers?

	Times	Cost (with own food provided)	To include meals & snacks	Cost (including meals)
<b>Full Day</b>	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	£63.90	Breakfast/Lunch/ Tea & Snacks	£72.15
<b>School Day</b>	8:45 am - 3:15 pm	£46.15	Lunch/Snacks	£50.75
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	8:00 - 8:45 am	£5.35	Breakfast	£7.00
<b>AM Session</b>	8:45 - 11:45 am	£21.30	Snack	£22.60
<b>PM Session</b>	12:15 - 3:15 pm	£21.30	Snack	£22.60
<b>After School Club</b>	3:15 - 5:00 pm	£12.45	Tea	£14.45

## What types of meals and snacks does Little Thinkers provide?

Every two hours, the children receive snacks that are all freshly prepared on-site by our resident chef. Breakfast is served at 8:15 am, lunch is served at 12:00 pm and dinner is served at 4:00 pm.

Our meals include items such as Fish pie, chicken pesto pasta, roast dinners, and chilli con carne.

## What does a typical nursery day look like for my child?

On arrival, your child will enjoy some planned activities set out by their practitioners in the room. They will then join in with a group welcome time. Snacks will be available after this while they continue to play. They will then go into the garden for some adult-led activities and free play. They will return inside for story time, and if it is the morning, those staying for lunch will prepare for lunch, and if it is the afternoon, they will prepare for tea.

## What does it mean to be a Thinking Nursery?

Little Thinkers is affiliated with and managed by directors from the Thinking Schools Academy Trust. As a nursery, we have adapted some of the metacognition systems their schools use to enhance our children's memory and retention of information. These systems are delivered in a fun, play-based way during their nursery sessions.

## How do you ensure the safety of children within your care?

Our children are cared for under a staff-to-child ratio dependent on their age. These ratios are set out in the EYFS government document and are monitored and managed carefully to ensure there are always enough adults to care for your child and their friends. We have a strict safeguarding policy that we follow, which ensures that your child's safety and wellbeing are always considered by the adults around them. Our entrances have multiple levels of security, and we have a known person and password system that ensures your child is only being collected by the people you dedicate to collecting them.

## How do you keep families informed of their child's progress?

Little Thinkers use the 'Family' app, which is an app you can download to your mobile or tablet. We upload weekly observations of your child and what they have been up to. We give a handover at each collection with a summary of how they have been during the session. Parents evenings are held with your child's key person once a term to discuss their development and next steps.



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Little Thinkers Nursery by visiting:  
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