



Striving to provide the best quality care in a
safe and friendly environment for children,
and their families.





Welcome to Lexden Lodge Kindergarten!

Our History

Established in 2005, we are a family-run kindergarten, with dedicated staff who strive to provide the best quality care for children in a safe and friendly environment. Having won various recognitions and accolades over the years, we are proud to count an Accreditation from The Day Nursery Association amongst our most recent awards.

We are conveniently located on one of the main roads into Colchester town centre, and provide families with free and easy access to ample parking, making drop-offs and pick-ups easy!

Our Location

Our Values

We are, and will always remain family-oriented, helping your little ones prepare for tomorrow by endorsing learning through play. We offer a safe, nurturing and inspirational environment for your children because we believe in the importance of getting beginnings right.

Your child will learn through play, investigation and experimentation, with guidance and support from our passionate staff. We offer well-structured and individually developed activity programmes suited to the individual needs of each child.

Our vision is to provide a recognised, high quality childcare facility that is welcoming and accessible to all families, recruiting motivated and professional staff to help us provide care in a non-discriminatory environment.

Our Vision





Our Facilities

Lexden Lodge occupies a beautiful three-storey Victorian house, specifically converted to create an exclusive nursery for under five's. Each of our rooms are fully equipped with an extensive range of age appropriate toys and materials, offering a range of stimulating and educational experiences.

All of our rooms are modern, bright and spacious, and fitted with the highest quality safety equipment such as fire alarms and fire doors. Our secure grounds offer a variety of outdoor play areas, with equipment to suit a range of ages and abilities.

All children at Lexden Lodge will be cared for by experienced, friendly and helpful staff, and each will be assigned a Key Person as they move through each room in the nursery, closely following an agreed care and development routine.

Our Children



Babies and Toddlers

We believe in the importance of getting beginnings right. Therefore, we offer peace of mind that your baby will be lovingly cared for by ensuring they are nurtured within a happy and relaxed, but stimulating environment.

Our dedicated staff will help your baby explore the world around them in a safe and secure manner, allowing them to develop at their own pace with carefully selected and age appropriate activities.

We will support your chosen method of feeding your baby, whether you are continuing to breast or bottle feed and will provide a comfortable and calm atmosphere.

If your child is being weaned, we will help and follow your routine in transitioning to solid foods. Children who are weaning will be able to enjoy our home cooked and freshly prepared food at meal times.



Two to Three Year Olds

We know babies develop into busy, inquisitive toddlers and that play has an important role in your child's development. Thoughtfully planned play and open-ended activities will expand your child's knowledge and understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Your child will have access to a variety of materials, equipment and activities, from building blocks and puzzles to messy play including painting and play dough.

We will support your child's learning throughout, and place their enjoyment of the process at the centre of their development. We know each child is an individual and will learn at their own pace, with successful exploration being key at this age.

We are registered to take the Essex County Council 2 Years Funding, for those children whose families meet the criteria.





Three to Five Year Olds

For three to five year olds, we offer an environment that excites and prepares them to go on to flourish at school.

At this age, your child will importantly explore and learn about their world, with a drive to challenge and develop individual interests. We encourage children to contribute and incorporate their preferences into their learning plans, as well as participating in activities that helps them learn key and sociable life skills.

We continually observe, record and assess your child's learning in all development areas, and plan a curriculum based on their interests ensuring they have meaningful and engaging learning opportunities.

Typical daily activities include and teach:

- **Communication** such as speaking and listening via story-telling and reading
- **Exploration** via hands-on problem solving and experimenting
- **Physical activities** from scissor control to climbing or skipping
- **Expressive arts** such as painting or role-play
- **Social and emotional development** through group activities and learning how to share
- **Mathematical** skills by counting, sorting and matching

Free Early Educational Entitlement

Children of three and four years old are eligible for the 15 hours Free Entitlement funding for 38 weeks of the year; this is normally available from the term after their third birthday.

From September 2017, families can apply for a further 15 hours funding for each child over three.

Curriculum

We believe that the right beginning is important for every child, and the care and education we offer allows your child to continually learn about the world by providing a diverse range of activities designed for each stage of their development.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, so you can be confident that your child is getting the right support throughout their learning journey.

The **Prime** areas consist of:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

The **Specific** areas consists of:

- Literacy
- Mathematics - numeracy and problem solving
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive arts and Design

The framework also focuses on four themes:

- A Unique Child
- Positive Relations
- Enabling Environments
- Learning and Development

In addition to these core areas, we also offer a variety of paid-for extra-curricular activities such as:

- Jo Jingles
- French
- Gardening
- Signing

For our full list of activities, please visit our website.



After School and Holiday Clubs

We are happy to be able to offer families the opportunity to attend our after school and holiday clubs, which are suitable for children of school age up to 11 years old.

The after school club is available every day during term-time from 3pm to 6pm, and we are able to collect children from schools within walking distance to the nursery.

Upon arrival children can enjoy some healthy refreshments before settling down to complete homework assignments, followed by a selection of engaging activities and a nutritious evening meal.

For booking, pricing, or any general enquiries for either our after school or holiday club, please contact us.

Our school holiday club is available during all school holidays and places are bookable up to 12 weeks in advance. For further information regarding specific holidays, please contact the nursery.

All meals can be provided to children throughout the day, as well as a range of stimulating and fun activities including optional outings. We ensure a high standard of safety on any trip taken by our clubs, and make sure that at least 2 members of staff accompany children.



Meals and Snacks

We serve a range of fresh and nutritious home cooked meals throughout the day, and are experienced in catering for any and all dietary requirements.



We like to make meal times a fun and social experience for children and understand the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. Our menus are planned by our on-site chefs, ensuring that they are nutritious and varied.

Meals are freshly prepared daily, and cater for a range of allergies and dietary requirements, whether medical or cultural.

We use locally sourced, fresh and high quality ingredients, and ensure meals are within the child recommended intake guidelines for salt, sugar and fat.

Our kitchen has received a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 for five years in a row, so you can be confident that the food your child is served is prepared in the best environment.

Get in touch

Interested in joining us at
Lexden Lodge
Kindergarten? Why not
book a visit to see the
environment that your
child will be placed in and
meet our friendly staff!

If you would like to
register your child, please
call us and we will send
you a registration form.
Alternatively, visit our
website to learn more
about our nursery!

Local Offer

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