



Where learning through play allows children to develop their full potential.



Welcome to Lexden Lodge Kindergarten!

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.

Since opening, our nursery has won many prestigious awards recognising our care for children, which always remains our focus.

Our History

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, make 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 exploration, investigation and experimentation, with guidance and support from our passionate staff. We offer well-structured and individually developed activity programmes suited to the personal needs of each child.

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

Our Vision

Our Children

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

The relationship between our staff and the children in their care is one of support, love and trust, so little ones are very comfortable in their surroundings.

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.

Our Facilities

All of our rooms are modern, bright and spacious, 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.

We also have a designated sensory room which is used by all ages of our children. It includes a range of activities to encourage cognitive development and stimulate senses.





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 offer home cooked, and freshly prepared food at meal times, which are prepared to suit your babies' requirements.



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. We ensure 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 stage.





Three to Five Year Olds

Our three to five year olds enjoy 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 their individual interests. We encourage children to contribute and incorporate their preferences into their learning plans, as well as participating in activities that help them learn key sociable life skills.

We continually observe, assess and respond to your child's learning in all development areas, and offer a curriculum based on their interests to ensure they have meaningful and 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 and skipping
- **Expressive arts** such as painting or role-play
- **Social and emotional development** through group activities, learning to share and problem solve
- **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 funding, for 38 weeks of the year. This is normally available from the school term after their third birthday.

Also, families can apply for a further 15 hours funding for each child over three, which can be used in our setting.

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 consist 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 usually offer a variety of paid-for extra-curricular activities such as:

- Jo Jingles
- French
- Signing
- Rugby/Football

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.

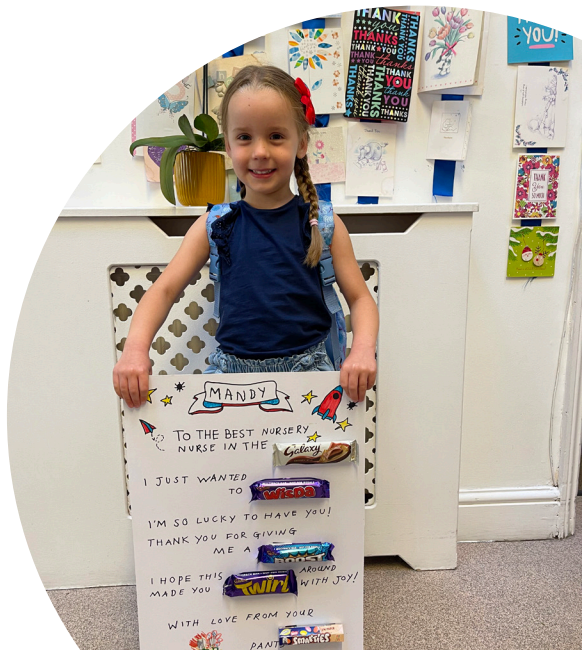
The after school club is available every day during term-time from 3pm to 6pm, and we are able to collect children from schools within walking distance to the nursery.

Upon arrival, children can enjoy some healthy refreshments before joining in with a selection of engaging activities, followed by a nutritious evening meal.

For booking, pricing or any general enquiries for either 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 us.

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 two members of staff accompany children.



Meals and Snacks



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 always 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 always received a Food Hygiene Rating 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!



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3rd place NDNA Day Nursery of the year 2006