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**Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park aims to:**

* Provide high quality care and education for children between two years old and five years old;
* Work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
* Add to the life and well-being of its local community;
* Offer children and their parents a service, which promotes equality and values diversity.

**As a member of Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park, your child:**

* Is in a safe and stimulating environment;
* Is given generous care and attention;
* Is helped to take forward their learning and development by being helped to build on what they already know and can do;
* Has a personal key person who makes sure your child makes progress to their individual learning outcomes;
* Is in a pre-school which sees you as a partner in helping your child to learn and develop;
* Is in a pre-school in which parents help to shape the service it offers.

#### The services offered by Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park

We provide care and education for young children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old.

The pre-school is open Monday to Friday each week, term time only.

We offer sessional care between 8.45am and 11.45am and 12.45pm and 3.45pm, we also offer a lunch club between 11.45am and 12.45pm and provide full day care between 8.45am and 3.45pm.

We provide Early Education Funding of up to 15 hour and 30 hours for children a term after their third birthday. We also accept two year old funding. Funding can be taken for any sessions including all day care and lunch club, additional hours may be added if you wish to at a basic hourly rate. We also take childcare vouchers as payment.

#### The curriculum provided by Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by Little Blossom’s childcare helps children to continue to do this by providing all of the children with activities that are right for their age and stage of development.

Children develop in the environment around them, this is unique to each family, and reflects individual communities and culture. For children between the ages of 2 and 5 years, the pre-school provides a curriculum for the foundation stage of education. This curriculum is followed by all childcare providers up to reception age.

The guidance divides children's learning and development into Prime Areas and Specific Areas.

Prime Areas are fundamental, work together and move through to support development in all other areas.

Specific Areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

At Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park we aim to enable the children in our care to reach out and relate to people and things through the **Characteristics of Effective learning** which move through all areas of learning, these are:

**Playing and exploring – engagement**

Finding out and exploring

Playing with what they know

Being willing to ‘have a go’

**Active learning – motivation**

Being involved and concentrating

Keeping trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

**Creating and thinking critically – thinking**

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing ways to do things.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

* Making Relationships
* Self-confidence and self-awareness
* Managing feelings and behaviour

Physical Development

* Moving and handling
* Health and self-care

Communication and Language

* Listening and attention
* Understanding
* Speaking

Understanding the World

* Self-confidence and self-awareness
* Managing feelings and behaviour

Mathematics

* Health and self-care
* Moving and handling

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* Writing

Expressive Arts and Design

* Listening and attention
* Understanding
* Speaking

Play helps young children to learn and develop through doing and talking, which research has shown to be the means by which young children think. Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park provides a range of play activities which help children to make progress in each of the areas of learning and development. In some of these activities children decide how they will use the activity and, in others, an adult takes the lead in helping the children to take part in the activity.

A parents copy of the EYFS is available in the setting, you can also visit [***http://www.early-education.org.uk***](http://www.early-education.org.uk)for more information.

To look at our latest Ofsted report please visit

[**http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report**](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report)

using our registration number: EY492851

### Working together for your children

Little Blossoms Childcare at Jennetts Park has experienced and highly qualified staff team. This helps us to:

* Give time and attention to each child;
* Talk with the children about their interests and activities;
* Help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide;
* Allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety.

### The management and staff at Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park

Beverley Cornwall – Is our owner of the pre-school as part of a group.

The other members of staff share some of the tasks involved in managing the pre-school.

Amy Teideman – Manager

Zoe Rawstron – Supervisor

Yvonne Parker – Supervisor

Vicky Boorman - Assistant

Denise Hughes – Assistant

Kayleigh Winters - Assistant

Trina Rackley – Assistant

All staff listed above hold relevant childcare qualifications, all staff hold a DBS, paediatric first aid and child protection qualifications.

### How parents take part in the pre-school

Little Blossoms Childcare at Jennetts Park recognises parents as the first and most important educators of their children, all of the staff see themselves as co-workers with you in providing care and education for your child. There are many ways in which parents take part in making the pre-school a welcoming and stimulating place for children and parents, such as:

* Exchanging knowledge about their children's needs, activities, interests and progress with the staff;
* Helping out at sessions in the pre-school;
* Sharing their own special interests with the children;
* Helping to provide, make and look after the equipment and materials used in the children's play activities;
* Taking part in events and informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the pre-school;
* Joining in community activities in which the pre-school takes part;
* Building friendships with other parents in the pre-school.

### The parents' rota

The pre-school has a dated rota, which you can sign if you would like to help at a particular session or sessions of the pre-school. Helping at the session enables you to see what the day-to-day life of the pre-school is like and to join in helping the children to get the best out of their activities.

### Joining in

Joining the rota is not the only means of taking part in the life of the pre-school, we welcome you in offering to take part in a session by sharing your own interests and skills with the children. Parents have visited the pre-school to: talk to them about their profession and what this entails, show pictures of their holiday or show the children their cooking skills, hobbies and much more.

Please feel free to arrange a visit to the pre-school.

### Key persons

The pre-school has a key person system. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom they are particularly responsible for. Your child's key person will be the person who works with you to make sure that what the pre-school provides is right for your child's particular needs and interests. When your child first starts at the pre-school, they will help your child to settle and throughout your child's time at the pre-school they will help your child to grow and develop to their full potential.

### Children’s individual Learning and Development Journeys

The pre-school keeps an online learning and development journal for each child, staff and parents working together on their children's journals of achievement are one of the ways in which Pre-school and parent’s work in partnership. Your child's journal of achievement helps us to celebrate together their achievements and to work together to provide what your child needs for their well being and to continue make progress.

Your child's key person will work with you and any other key person or other professionals if required to keep this journal, to do this information will be shared between yourself and the key person regarding your child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key person to identify your child's stage of progress. You and the key person will then decide on how to help your child to move on to the next stage of their development.

### Learning opportunities for adults

As well as gaining qualifications in early years care and education, the pre-school staff takes part in further training to help them to keep up-to-date with thinking about early years care and education.

The pre-school also keeps itself up-to-date with best practice in early years care and education through regular courses and training. Courses helping your child’s learning and similar topics are held locally by the Pre-school Learning Alliance and other agencies watch out for information about these on the parent notice board.

### The pre-school's timetable and routines

Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park believes that care and education are equally important in the experience which we offer children. The routines and activities that make up the pre-school's session are provided in ways that:

* Help each child to feel that they are a valued member of the pre-school;
* Ensure the safety of each child;
* Help children to gain from the social experience of being part of a group;
* Provide children with opportunities to learn and help them to value learning.

More detailed information on the pre-schools daily routine will be given at the visit and available in the parent file.

### Each session

The pre-school organises its sessions so that the children can choose from - and work at - a range of activities and, in doing so, build up their ability to select and work through a task to its completion. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities, which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as helping them to learn to work with others.

Outdoor activities contribute to children's health, their physical development and their knowledge of the world around them. The children have the opportunity - and are encouraged - to take part in outdoor child-chosen and adult-led activities, as well as those provided in the indoor playroom.

Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park prides itself in being a free flow setting, by doing this the door to the outside area is always open during session time and children are assisted in making decisions for themselves about where they wish to play.

### Snacks

### The pre-school makes snack time a social time at which children eat together, children are encouraged to be independent, pouring their own drinks and cutting up and preparing the fruit with their peers and adult assistance is available if necessary. We plan the snacks so that they provide the children with healthy and nutritious food. Do tell us about your child's dietary needs and we will make sure that these are met.

### Policies

Copies of the pre-school's policies are offered to all parents when joining the group.

The pre-school's policies help us to ensure that the service provided by the pre-school is a high quality one and that being a member of the pre-school is an enjoyable and beneficial experience for each child and their parents/carers.

The staff and parents of the pre-school work together to adopt the policies and they all have the opportunity to take part in the annual review of the policies. This review helps us to make sure that the policies are enabling the pre-school to provide a quality service for its members and the local community.

### Special Educational Needs

As part of the pre-school's policy to make sure that its provision meets the needs of each individual child, we take account of any special needs which a child may have. We work with multi-agency professionals to ensure that we are encouraging and supporting each and every child their individual learning goals.

The pre-school works to the requirements of the 1993 Education Act and The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (2000). We have a member of staff that is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

### Fees

The price per session is £15.00, lunch club or additional hours are £5 per an hour, you can access full day care for £35, fees are payable a minimum of 2 weeks in advance**.** Fees must still be paid if your child is absent, this also applies to lunch club. For your child to keep her/his place at the pre-school you must pay the fees or we must receive nursery education funding for your child. A term after your child is 3 they will be entitled to Early Education Funding which is 15 hours or 30 hours, you may add to this if you wish to do so, we also have funded 2 year olds and except childcare vouchers.

### Starting at Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park

### The first days

We want your child to feel happy and safe at the pre-school. To make sure that this is the case, the staff will work with you to decide on how to help your child to settle into the pre-school.

### Clothing

The pre-school provides protective clothing for the children when they play with messy activities, but request that you bring them in appropriate clothing. We do offer a uniform which is not compulsory, T-shirts are available in blue, green, red or pink and cost £9 each, fleece zip up cardigans are £16 each and are available in blue, green or red, all are embroidered with our logo and available at the pre-school.

The pre-school encourages children to gain the skills, which help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off - and putting on - outdoor clothes. Clothing which is easy for them to manage will help them to do this, we ask that the children wear suitable shoes while at pre-school; this ensures a better level of safety when climbing and within the group.

Little Blossom’s Childcare at Jennetts Park hopes that you and your child enjoy being members of the pre-school and that you both find taking part in our activities interesting and stimulating. The staff are always ready and willing to talk with you about your ideas, views or questions.

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\*Please note: All prices and details are correct at time of print (22/06/18) but are subject to change.