



Little Cherries

Providing Early Years education through play Admissions Information for Parents

Little Cherries is a long-running, local, pre-school group, providing a safe, secure and stimulating environment where children learn through play, exploration and experiment.

We are a charity, run by a committee of parents for the benefit of the Cherry Hinton community.

KEY INFORMATION

- Little Cherries accepts children aged from 2½ up to school reception age. Priority is given to older children (please see our admissions policy on our website).
- We are open term time only (38 weeks per year).
- We run two sessions each day:
 - Morning session 9.00 am – 12.00 noon
 - Afternoon session 12.45 pm – 3.45 pm
- We offer between **two and five sessions a week** for each child (6 to 15 hours).
- Current Fees: £12.50 per session. (May increase in September 2018).
- Early Years Funding: Available to children from the term **after** they are 3 years old. We may also be able to offer places to children in receipt of the 2 year old funding.
- Optional Lunch Club: 12.00 noon – 12.45 pm. (In addition to main sessions but places are limited).
- Lunch club fees: £3.25 a day (May increase in September 2018). Parents must provide a packed lunch for their child.
- Places available: Up to 32 children in each session.
- Staff:child ratios:
 - 1:4 for children aged under 3 years
 - 1:8 for children aged 3 years and over

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

We allocate available places in the following order:

1. Children already attending the group in the year September 2017 – July 2018, ordered by date of birth (oldest first).
2. Children living in the catchment area, ordered by date of birth (oldest first).

3. Children living outside the catchment area, ordered by date of birth (oldest first).

We cannot hold places open for your child while they wait to become eligible for Early Years Funding (the term after your child turns 3). If you are offered a place for your child, you will be expected to take up that place which will mean paying the session fees for each session your child attends until they become eligible for funding.

Little Cherries does not offer 30 hours funding for working parents but you may share this funding between Little Cherries and another provider.

Children born after 31st August 2016 will not normally be able to attend Little Cherries until September 2019.

Parents who choose for their child to attend for a full day will also need to book a place at lunch club for that day.

The support of parents/carers is essential to the running of the group. Little Cherries is a charity and an elected parent management committee manages the group. Parents should be willing to join or support the committee in an active or fundraising role. We welcome parent help in the group once children are settled.

Parents who are interested in their child attending Little Cherries are very welcome to make an appointment to visit. Applications for places in the year beginning September 2018 will be taken from Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 23rd March 2018. Parents will be contacted from the 9th April 2018 to inform them if there is a place for their child.

Please complete and bring the attached form, with the required original documents (proof of address (dated within 3 months) and your child's full birth certificate) to Little Cherries by Friday 23rd March 2018, or as soon as possible if requiring a place in the current year.

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