



Kingsnorth Little Stars

Discover, learn and have fun!





Prospectus

Welcome to Kingsnorth Little Stars, we hope the following information will prove useful for both you and your child.

We are based in Kingsnorth Village Hall, opposite Kingsnorth Primary School in a rural location with good links to local primary schools.

Choosing the Best Care for Your Child

We understand that selecting the right pre-school is an important decision. At Kingsnorth Little Stars, we strive to create a secure, welcoming, and stimulating environment where children can thrive, giving parents confidence in their choice.

Our staff are fully First Aid trained and participate in ongoing professional development to ensure they provide the highest standard of care for your child.

We follow 'In-the-moment' planning, meaning we tailor learning experiences to children's interests. Our staff observe children's activities, assess their next steps in development, and provide immediate, responsive teaching to support their growth.

Below, you'll find a helpful link explaining the seven areas of learning. When a child first joins our pre-school, we focus on monitoring their progress in the Prime areas of learning:

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

These foundational areas are essential for your child's growth and future learning. Our environment is thoughtfully designed to support all seven areas, fostering a well-rounded learning experience.

To find out more about what we offer, please visit the link below:

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Opening Hours and Free Early Education Delivery Patterns

Our pre-school operates during school term time, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday to Friday. Free Early Education can be accessed during these sessions with the following delivery patterns:

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| • Universal Free Early Education (15 hours) | 2 full days and 1 half-day session |
| • Extended Free Early Education (30 hours) | 5 full days |





Our main sessions are:

- Half Day (AM) 9am – 12pm
- Half Day (PM) 12pm – 3pm
- Full Day 9am – 3pm

The pre-school can also provide extended sessions and additional hours if required.

If your child attends between the hours of 12pm – 1pm they will need to bring a packed lunch and to promote healthy eating, please ensure packed lunch boxes contain the following:

- A sandwich or similar item
- A piece of fruit
- A yoghurt
- A snack (no sweets)
- Bottle containing water only (no juice).

Please note that we are a nut-free pre-school, and no items containing nuts are allowed. We kindly ask that all lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named. For more information, please feel free to ask us about our 'Healthy Eating & Food within Our Pre-School (and Lunchboxes)' leaflet.

Non-refundable Registration Fee

Parents of children not in receipt of Free Early Education, will be charged a non-refundable registration fee of £35. This fee will cover the cost of administration and secures your child's place with us at the pre-school. We do not charge a deposit.

Free for Two, Working Parents Entitlement & Free Early Education

At Kingsnorth Little Stars, we are registered to accept children under several government-funded schemes. If you believe you may be eligible, please feel free to ask for further details. The most common schemes include:

- Free for Two
- Working Parents Entitlement
- Free Early Education

If you are eligible, we will need to record supporting information, which we can discuss with you. Some schemes require periodic reconfirmation of eligibility, and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they meet the criteria and undertake this. However, we are here to support you throughout this process



Pre-school Fees

Any child not entitled to Free Early Education will be required to pay for their hours attended including any hours attended in addition to their free hours.

- Full Day 9am – 3pm £54.00 per day
- Half Day 9am – 12pm or 12pm – 3pm £27.00 per day.
- Additional hours £9.00 per hour

Note that our fees are invoiced on the first week of each term for the forthcoming term.

Keyperson

Your child will be allocated a Keyperson when they start with us. This person is responsible for monitoring and observing your child's progress. Before your child starts you will be offered a free taster session for your child. We will explain the pre-schools routines and you will be given the opportunity to express any concerns/worries you may have prior to your child starting.

Policies

Kingsnorth Little Stars policies are available for you to look at if you would like to familiarise yourself with them, please ask a member of staff who will happily let you look at the folder. Alternatively these can be emailed on request.

Noticeboards

Noticeboards are provided within the pre-school and for parents to access key information. This includes details on our registration, Ofsted information, insurance details, complaints procedures and other key information you need to know about.

Non-Attendance due to Sickness/Holidays

Please inform us by email or phone (via call or text) if your child will be absent from pre-school, along with their expected return date (if known). For health and safety reasons, children should not attend pre-school for at least 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea, and / or after beginning a prescribed medication.

Spare Clothing

Please provide your child with named appropriate outdoor clothing such as a warm waterproof coat, a pair of wellies, hat, gloves & scarf (for colder months) and a sunhat (for summer months) as children will access our outside area in all weathers. Please provide a named bag with spare clothing, we recommend several underwear items including socks, trousers/joggers, t-shirt/long sleeved tops, as accidents do sometimes happen and children can get messy when playing.





Toileting

If your child is in nappies/pull-ups please provide nappies, wipes and nappy sacks and bags. If your child is potty training, please inform your child's keyperson so we can continue to enforce the same procedures/routines at pre-school.

Uniform

Uniform is available to purchase for your children, this is encouraged but not compulsory. Sizes available aged 2, 3/4 years or 5/6 years.

- T-shirts £9.00 each
- Sweatshirts £12.00 each.
- Book bags £7.00 each

Concerns/Complaints

If you have a complaint whilst your child is with us please feel free to talk to any of our staff about your concerns. If you are unhappy with the way the matter has been dealt with you may wish to contact:

Ofsted Early Years
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
MANCHESTER
M1 2WD (quoting ref 2769618)
Tel: 0300 123 1231