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Thank you for your interest in La Petite École Group of Day Nurseries.

As the leading childcare provider in the Channel Islands, we share your ambitions and have created nurseries that allow each child to flourish as an individual.

We understand that you are about to make one of the most important decisions you will ever face, and do not take lightly the responsibility placed upon us.

La Petite École is firmly founded on the principle of “when only the best will do”, and warmly invite you to visit any of our nurseries to experience how this philosophy is put into practice.



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# Aims & Objectives

We strive to provide a positive, structured routine within a warm and caring environment, to enable your child to progress in all areas of development.

Through the provision of this environment your child will develop an understanding of the need to respect and tolerate others, sharing and co-operation.

All the staff care for all the children all of the time, but our Key Worker system enables you and your child to develop a special relationship with one member of staff. Your Key Worker will be responsible for ensuring that your child's Daily Report is completed, providing you with a record of their day at nursery.

Comprehensive records on your child's development will also be maintained to ensure that your child's progress moves forward as s/he discovers and attains new skills.

Your child's welfare is paramount and as such it is important that, through a positive approach, they learn to understand tolerance, patience and acceptable behaviour.

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“A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the make of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child.” *Forest E Witcraft*





"A baby will  
make love  
stronger, days  
shorter, nights  
longer, bankroll  
smaller, home  
happier, clothes  
shabbier, the  
past forgotten  
and the future  
worth living for."  
*Anon*

# Baby Rooms

Above all,  
babies are  
provided  
with lots of  
cuddles,  
laughter  
and TLC!

Our Baby rooms are separate, secure and safe, designed to offer the highest possible care and attention for even the youngest of babies.

We maintain a welcoming environment, offering a professional approach and providing a stimulating, enjoyable day at nursery for the children.

We offer a variety of activities from messy play and painting to nursery rhymes, action songs and music. The babies have a variety of suitable toys, and sensory areas are created to stimulate and enjoy.

Babies enjoy our specially designed gardens and regularly participate in carefully supervised outings. Above all, all babies are provided with lots of cuddles, laughter and TLC!

Staff in the baby rooms are qualified and experienced in the care of young babies and are always available to discuss your child's needs.





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develop personal and social skills

# Tweeny

Our Tweeny areas cater for children up to the age of 2 years and provide a caring, stimulating environment for your child to develop his/her skills.

Our qualified staff provide your child with a varying curriculum to enable them to experience and explore a variety of activities. Singing and finger rhymes, stories and books develop their language and listening skills, whilst art and craft, paint, sand and water, music and dance develop creative minds.

Other activities include Duplo, Lego and bead-threading, shape and colour sorting, construction toys, and pencil control, pre-number, pre-writing and fine motor skills.

Topics are based on everyday activities and help the children's understanding of the world in which they live. Encouraging their independence helps to develop their personal and social skills.

The children have every opportunity for outside play, whether in the grounds or on various outings, where they will build upon the physical skills they are rapidly acquiring.

The staff are always available to discuss your child's progress and provide a variety of activities to develop their skills in all areas.

We aim to make your child's time at nursery enjoyable and fun whilst combining an education program within a structured day.

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develop the  
necessary  
social skills to  
be happy in  
later life

Our Inbetweeny areas cater for children over 2 and up to pre-school age (approx 3). During their time in this group, children enjoy many fun activities designed to explore and expand their rapidly developing skills.

Our qualified staff help the Inbetweens learn about the world in which they live, encouraging each child to become more independent and develop the necessary social skills to be happy in later life.

Creative skills are developed through art & craft activities, sand & water play and by exploring the world of music with a specialist teacher.

Language & pre-reading skills develop rapidly with plenty of opportunities to listen to and discuss various books.

Topics such as 'ourselves' & 'methods of transport' are introduced both in the nursery and whilst on trips to places of interest around the island.

# Inbetweeny







# Pre-school

The Pre-school department provides opportunities for the children aged 3 to 5 years to access the six areas of learning. These are designed to encourage their all-round development.

## **The six areas of learning are:-**

Knowledge and understanding of the world

Creative development

Physical development

Mathematical development

Personal and Social development

Language and Literacy

We provide the children with a structured curriculum and planned activities to ensure they will be able to work towards achieving the Early Learning Goals.

Significant elements of development are as follows:

### **Knowledge and understanding of the World**

- science
- history
- geography
- technology

### **Creative development**

- music
- art
- craft
- imaginative play

### **Physical development**

- gross and fine motor skills

### **Mathematical development**

- using and applying numbers
- shapes, space and size

### **Personal and Social development**

- relate personal and social development to all areas of learning

### **Language and Literacy**

- speaking and listening
- reading and writing

The children have a variety of equipment including computers, musical instruments, home corner, books, construction toys, manipulative toys, sand and water, painting and collage, bicycles and climbing frames, to enable them to develop all their skills within the areas of learning to achieve the Early Learning Goals.

All these areas of development can only evolve in a structured, warm, caring environment which our qualified Pre-school staff provide for all children.

# Staff & Training

Staff and management at La Petite École are dedicated to providing caring and quality childcare.

All permanent staff are qualified in childcare or working towards a recognised childcare qualification.

All qualified staff are required to perform Continuing Professional Development.

La Petite École provides an in-house training facility to ensure good practice throughout our nurseries and to compliment the courses provided by the authorities.

It is a requirement for staff to undertake training in:

- Basic Food Hygiene
- First Aid
- Child Protection
- Blood Borne virus awareness





# Settling In

Whilst every care is taken to ensure our nurseries always provide a warm and welcoming environment, we do understand that the first days at nursery are always a big step for any child.

We ask that all children have a settling in period. This is usually over a period of two to three weeks, depending on the age and stage of development of the child, and will require the attendance of a parent or guardian.

This is a vital part of the development process to ensure that the transition between home and nursery is smooth, and benefits all concerned, the staff, parents and most importantly your child.

“Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation.”  
*C. Everett Koop*





"A man never  
stands as tall  
as when he  
stoops to help  
a child."

*Abraham  
Lincoln*

# Key Worker System

A Key Worker system is in place, where your child will be allocated a member of staff to cater for their everyday needs. They will also form a special relationship with both child and parent.

If you have any questions or queries, you can go to your Key Worker for advice. If the Key Worker is not available, a co-worker is allocated to ensure that relevant information is passed on to parents and carers.



# Meals

Within the fee structure, the nursery provides a well balanced diet and can cater for any dietary needs or requests.

All of the children's meals are freshly prepared with carefully planned menus to ensure a healthy, well-balanced diet and special diets are catered for.

For Breakfast we provide a choice of toasts, spreads, cereals and fruit.

Lunch is a full meal consisting of a variety of food groups including pasta, meats, fish, rice, vegetables, vegetarian, and desserts.

We also provide a cooked afternoon meal or light tea, including children's favourites such as sandwiches or spaghetti.

At snack times, the children will enjoy a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables and crackers.

Our menus follow a five-weekly rotation and are clearly displayed within the nurseries.

Drinks and regular water are provided throughout the day.





# Extra Curricular Activities

At La Petite École we feel it is important that all children have the opportunity to experience a wide and varied curriculum. In addition to the daily varied routine, the children have access to a whole host of extra activities.

We teach French to Pre-school children and provide swimming lessons prior to starting school. Our experienced dance teacher provides dance and movement sessions for all children. We also have a music teacher, who plays lots of well-known favourites as well as songs relating to the world around us.

Being located near to many beaches gives us the opportunity for picnics on the beach (building sand castles and collecting shells) as well as outings to Zoos and Parks. All outings of any distance are made in the nursery mini bus, which fully complies with safety guidelines.

Throughout the year, we have many events which are always hugely successful, fun and well supported.

For details of upcoming events, please ask at the nursery or visit our website, [www.lapetiteecole.com](http://www.lapetiteecole.com)


“All children behave  
as well as they are  
treated.”

*Anon*



“Parents need to fill a  
child’s bucket of  
self-esteem so high  
that the rest of the  
world can’t poke  
enough holes to  
drain it dry.”  
*Alvin Price*





Parents are  
assured that  
their children  
will be loved  
and cared  
for.

# Quality of Care & Security

The main priority of La Petite École is to create a secure and happy environment. Parents are assured that their children will be loved and cared for.

Security and safety are paramount. We have CCTV and security cameras and operate a strict criteria for entry to the building and for the collection of your child.



# What the Parents Say

"I am writing to thank you and all your staff for the wonderful care and attention Charlie has recieved at La Petite École. I will happily recommend you to my friends."

"I have found La Petite École to be first class and would have no hesitation in recommending it to other parents."

"...Alex has benefited greatly, particularly as an only child, from the wide range of activities she has taken part in throughout her time at nursery. I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all the staff for all their hard work."

"...Thank you all for the excellent care that Phoebe has received whilst attending the nursery. I would have no hesitation in recommending your Nursery and should I need nursery facilities again I would look no further than yourselves."

"The best way to  
make children  
good is to make  
them happy."  
*Oscar Wilde*





Thank you for your interest in La Petite École Group of Day Nurseries. This brochure provides just a brief introduction to our nurseries and commitment to quality.

La Petite École nurseries are totally committed to our belief that when it comes to caring for children, “only the best will do”.

We warmly invite you to arrange a visit to any of our nurseries. Only then can you experience first hand the unique environment La Petite École can offer your child. You are welcome to stay as long as you like, ask as many questions as you need to and meet any staff you feel necessary.

We understand the importance of choosing the right nursery for your child. When only the best will do, call (01534) 880518 or visit our website [www.LaPetiteEcole.com](http://www.LaPetiteEcole.com)

We look forward to welcoming you and your family.





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