



Promoting a Community of Growth



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Introduction



Ladybirds Kinder Class is a local community orientated preschool situated right in the heart of the beautiful village of Ladybirds, which is located circa 3 miles from the historical walled city of York.

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we provide a professional term time pre-school childcare service for children aged 2 - 4 offering a totally secure indoor and outdoor exploration area.

Our mission consists of always ensuring a warm and nurturing environment where children feel safe to learn, play, grow and explore, all within the EYFS curriculum. We achieve this by continuously reinforcing

proven and professional childcare strategies alongside time-tested activities, all of which that are specifically designed to encourage each child's individual growth and stimulate confidence.

At Ladybirds Kinder Class it is our core belief that through cooperative play, support and creative activities, children reach their social, emotional, and physical milestones naturally and with ease. This is a proven belief that is shared and nurtured throughout our entire preschool and is central to our work ethic.



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Unique & Valuable

Our Ladybirds Kinder Class Vision

At Ladybirds, our vision consists of providing a warm and nurturing environment where children feel safe.

Ultimately, you and your child are our priority. We believe in providing a safe and welcoming environment that acts as an extension to each child's home, and we know that working with integrity and openness is key to this.

We ensure that all Ladybird team members provide a consistent high level of care that keeps our ambitions and values at the forefront of our minds in all aspects of our work.

In choosing Ladybirds Kinder Class, we assure you that you and your child will receive the highest quality of care and education from our outstanding team!



Our Setting

At Ladybirds we are uniquely blessed to have a natural wood that is directly attached to our premises for all our amazing children to explore and enjoy. We take children to the woodland area to explore nature and wildlife in its natural habitat, reflecting some key values linked to the forest school approach.

We want to ensure that the woodland area stays as natural as possible therefore when exploring this wonderful provision the children and pre-school practitioners use the natural resources found in the woodlands to create and enhance each child's play and learning.

In addition, we also have a totally secure and fully heated room that we use for all our indoor play. Here we make use of all our vast range of resources to help challenge and grow the minds of our amazing children.

To ensure that your child receives the best possible care and attention; a decision has been made to limit spaces at Ladybirds to 20 children per session. We find that this ratio helps us to provide a premium service to our children whereby quality can be assured.

For your convenience we have a large car park located at the back of the building where you can safely drop off and collect your children.

We hope you find the information in this prospectus useful. Please contact us to arrange a visit to enable you to see for yourself the high quality of care we provide. We operate an open-door policy, and you are welcome to attend at any time of day to see the pre-school fully operational.

Ladybirds
Kinder Class

At LADYBIRDS KINDER CLASS, every child counts!

Opening Hours and Fees



For the most up to date sessional costs, please either refer to our website or ask a team member.

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Please also note:

Ladybirds Kinder Class do accept voucher scheme payments, such as ComputerShare etc.

Ladybirds Kinder Class operates term time only sessional care, Monday to Friday, as follows:

Breakfast Club

8.30am – 9am

Morning Session

9am – 12pm

Lunch Club

12pm – 12.30pm

Afternoon Session

12.30pm – 3.30pm

Full day (inclusive of Lunch Club)

9am – 3.30pm

Government Funding Information

2-year-old government funding

Your child may be eligible for 2-year-old funding, which potentially provides your child with 15 free hours per week. Please speak to the setting Manager for further information and guidance on how to apply.

3 – 4-year-old government funding

At the beginning of the term following your child's third birthday, they will be entitled to either the 15 (guaranteed with no eligibility checks) or 30 free hours of Government funding per week.

The 30 hours government funding scheme does have an eligibility criteria. Please follow this link for further information and criteria information: www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

If you feel that your child is eligible for the 30 hours free funding, then simply continue to use the above link to apply. If you are eligible you will be given a childcare code to pass onto us. We will submit this code, along with additional information, to activate the claim.

Please note, it is your responsibility to re-apply every 3 months to continue to claim the additional 15 hours. If the closing date to apply is missed, you will not receive the additional 15 hours of funding and full fees will apply.

We are required to see an original document with proof of your child's date of birth, this can be either their birth certificate or passport, and a signature to confirm your consent for us to claim the requested hours.

Ladybirds Kinder Class will claim the funding on your behalf.



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

EYPP is additional funding for early years pre-school settings to help them improve the education they provide for disadvantaged 3- and 4-year-olds. If a child is eligible, Ladybirds Kinder Class can claim additional funding to source resources and training etc. to further extend on a child's learning and outcomes. For further information on EYPP, please speak with the setting manager.





Joining Our Little Family

It could not be easier to join our little Ladybirds Kinder Class family. Simply contact us, via any method you feel comfortable with, at your convenience to enquire about session availability and potential start dates and we will gladly guide you from there.

Typically, the first stage of the process is to arrange a visit to come and see the setting and meet the team. Here we can discuss your requirements and arrange for you to either join the waiting list or to move directly on to a start date.

If you choose to join our waiting list then you will be contacted to discuss a start date when relevant, however, if you are looking to start straight away then you will be issued with a registration form (or you can download a version via the website), which you will

be required to complete prior to your child starting with us proper. Once complete, we now move towards arranging your child's settling in sessions.

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we pride ourselves on ensuring each individual child has the smoothest transition into the setting, therefore we will work with you to agree the best process for your child. The settling in sessions are completely free of charge, as these are designed to ensure all children are totally settled before their agreed start date.

Once settling in sessions have been completed successfully, and everyone is happy, it's time to move on to starting with us. And that is it, you're part of our little Ladybirds family.



Our Team

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we absolutely understand and fully appreciate that being given the opportunity to look after your child is huge privilege, a privilege that is never underestimated and always massively respected. We also understand that leaving your child in an unknown environment can be a daunting thought, which is why we try so hard to ensure that both you and your child receive incredibly special focus during the early stages of joining our little family.

In order to try and provide you with some comfort; at Ladybirds Kinder Class we can assure you that each and every member of our team, right the way through from owners, directors, managers and team members, are all enhanced DBS checked, highly experienced and fully qualified to provide a premium level of care for your child. Plus, in addition, at Ladybirds Kinder Class we go over and above guidelines and requirements by ensuring that each member of the team is also first aid (OFSTED approved) qualified.

For further information on our settings individual team members, please see the 'our team' section of the website.

SENCO (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator)

To ensure that our provision meets the needs of each individual child, we take account of any special needs a child may have. To ensure this very important aspect of our care is managed as effectively as possible, our setting has in place a dedicated SENCO trained lead Co-ordinator.

For further information on our special education needs processes and procedures, please liaise with the setting manager who will be happy to both discuss this with you and to introduce you to our dedicated SEN co-ordinator.





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At Ladybirds Kinder Class Pre-School, no two days are ever the same!

We rotate our resources and activities daily so that the children are always able to explore new and exciting ways to discover and grow. Children at Ladybirds Kinder Class have lots of fun learning through play.

Because we follow the EYFS curriculum, all our activities are designed to promote the prime and specific areas of the EYFS learning and development goals. We structure our sessions to achieve a balance of child-initiated play via adult led activities.

Lunchtime & Snacks

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we provide children with a healthy snack and drink during each morning and afternoon session, which typically consist of fruit.

Lunch club at Ladybirds Kinder Class is generally a very exciting time as children enjoy their pack up lunch with friends and teachers.

Please note: Healthy pack up lunches are to be provided by yourselves and not by pre-school.

Daily Timeline

In order to maximise what the children do each day and to structure each session, we broadly follow the timetable outlined below - although as you will appreciate, we embrace a degree of flexibility given the age of the children in our care.



- ☘ Welcome children
- ☘ Child-initiated free play (indoors and outdoors)
- ☘ Mid-session snack time
- ☘ Adult led planned activity
- ☘ Outdoor play
- ☘ Tidy up time
- ☘ Circle time - A calming end of session home circle (with story and songs)



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework Commitment

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development, and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, preschools, nurseries, and school reception classes.

The EYFS framework supports an integrated approach to early learning and care. It gives all professionals a set of common principles and commitments to deliver quality early education and childcare experiences to all children. As well as being the core document for all professionals working in the foundation years, the EYFS framework ensures you as their parent/carer have confidence that regardless of where you choose for your child's early education, you can be assured that the same statutory commitments and principles will underpin your child's learning and development experience.

At Ladybirds Kinder Class, we understand the importance in giving your child the best start to their development and education and therefore promote parent/carers as partners at every step along the way. During the induction / settling in period, we will ask for you to complete an initial 'about me' assessment, this will give us a baseline to work from in the early stages.

To help us all share information, we operate Tapestry, an online secure developmental journal which continues to build up the link in sharing knowledge with yourself and pre-school.

We use the EYFS in every aspect of pre-school life, from preparing planning, arranging room layouts and areas as well as organising outings. The EYFS helps us to build the foundations of children's learning. We ensure that we provide every child with an environment in which they can thrive both inside and out.

The EYFS has 4 themes which are:

1

A Unique Child: Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured.

2

Positive Relationships: Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

3

Enabling Environments: Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and carers.

4

Learning and Development: Children develop and learn in different ways. The framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities. Practitioners teach children by ensuring challenging, playful opportunities across the prime and specific areas of learning and development.

The Areas of Learning and Development are then divided into 7 areas, with 3 prime areas which are key to children's further development. These are:

- Personal social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development

The 4 specific areas are introduced once a child has developed the skills needed within the prime areas, these are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

We value your role as a parent/carer and strive to ensure you feel involved whilst your child is with us at pre-school. We ask that you tell us about exciting things that you are doing or holidays that you are going on so that we can share the excitement with your child. You can do this via your Tapestry account, email or by bringing in pictures of your child to share.

Our pre-school uses the aspects from each area of development in the EYFS to help us to track each child's progress in addition to support us in planning and providing a variety of activities to enable children to learn, achieve goals, progress further and reach their full potential.

In summary, we use the EYFS to ensure that we can plan for your child's next steps and developmental goals.



Key Person Approach

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we operate a Key Person System. Every child is allocated a qualified named Nursery Practitioner during their induction into the setting. This person will care for your child wherever possible. They are responsible for their 'key child's' wellbeing, ensuring all of their individual development needs are catered for and adapted if needed. The key person also builds bonds with the families, ensuring they have a known person to exchange day-to-day information or concerns with. The key person will also be responsible for updating your child's online Tapestry journal.



Further information on Tapestry can be found on the next page



"At handover, I am always updated with Lucy's daily activities. It amazes me how much the ladies remember."

Parent comment



Pre-school Clothing

Here at Ladybirds Kinder Class, we will be having fun all day long both inside and out, and unfortunately for parents that does mean that on occasion we get a bit messy. Sorry about that!



With this in mind, it's suggested that parents don't dress children in their best clothes when coming to pre-school.

Also remember that a big part of the fun here at Ladybirds Kinder Class is getting outside in the woods and play areas as much as possible, whatever the weather; so please ensure that your child brings with them their wellington boots and all other suitable outdoor clothing.



Tapestry Online Learning Journal

At Ladybirds Kinder Class we aim to capture those special moments that you love to see and treasure whilst your child is at pre-school.

To ensure we do this to the absolute best of our ability, we operate 'Tapestry' which enables you to see observations and videos of your child as they grow, learn, play, and develop throughout the day via your very own, fully password protected and secure, online journal.

Your child's key person will also include any next steps highlighted in their progress check, this supports your child's development both in and outside of pre-school. Most importantly it provides a link between you, your child and the pre-school, providing both ways communication opportunities and a bond that will stay with us forever.

The Tapestry software is a fantastic opportunity to develop learning, play and communication. However, we still feel it is extremely important to communicate verbally and/or face-to-face whenever possible.

"Tapestry is brilliant. It's lovely to see what my daughter has been doing and to see her playing happily with her friends. Communication has always been fantastic."

Parent comment

Policies & Procedures

A copy of all policies and procedures are available for you to view on request. These policies and procedures govern the way the pre-school runs and are available at any time. At Ladybirds Kinder Class we welcome all parents/carers to come and discuss any policies with us further.

Please note that all policies are working documents and, as a result, are regularly updated without general notification, however, should a significant policy change be made then we will ensure that families are notified.

Special events

Here at Ladybirds Kinder Class, we love to enjoy special days, like going on our annual summer trip or just simply heading out into the local community to go to the library or the park, however, our very favourite special day of the year is performing our much-anticipated Nativity to all our families.

Also, as part of our festive celebrations we host a Christmas party for the children every year, when Father Christmas always pays a surprise visit to see the children.

Sickness & Absence

Full fees are payable for sickness, absences, and holidays; however, no charges apply to pre-school closure, i.e., bank holidays or training days etc.

Ladybirds Kinder Class also respectfully asks all families to keep children away from pre-school if unwell. If you are ever unsure, please contact the team for further information.

What Our Families Say

"Lauren, like her older sister, absolutely loved her time at Ladybirds. She thought playing and exploring in the woods was fun, enjoyed the role-play area where she liked dressing up and regularly came home with brilliant paintings and pictures and was proud to show off her letter and number work. Most of all she liked the Ladybird ladies."

"Staff were always friendly, informative but overall caring about the children. I would 100% recommend this setting to any parents of pre-school children"

"Since Georgia joined the Ladybird family, she has gained so much confidence and ability, she started as a very shy little girl who has now come out of herself and not so shy in public anymore. She has learnt numbers and letters and can now write her name!"

"All the staff at Ladybirds are extremely friendly and make you feel very welcome from the start. There is a homely and calm feeling to the preschool from when you drop the children off to when you pick up!"

"I found the staff very flexible and trustworthy and never had doubt in mind when leaving my daughter with them."

"We couldn't recommend this lovely well ran preschool enough! 5star rating from us!"

"What can we say about the Ladybirds team! Our little girl has loved her time with you all and with your encouragement has grown into a kind, helpful, confident four-year-old ready for new adventures at Big school!"

"As a team you lovely Ladybird ladies are engaging preschool teachers who the children adore, bond closely with and learn so much from."

"The activities, learning opportunities, and outdoor facilities including the mud kitchens and wood really entertain the children and learning about nature has always been a firm favourite of ours."

"Beatrice is our third and last little person to have been nurtured through their preschools years at ladybirds and we have admired the perseverance and dedication of the ladybird's team to each of them to ensure they have settled, made friends and grown as little people, inspiring inquisitive minds and allowing imaginations to run free."

"We cannot thank you enough for all your efforts, kindness, wonderful Christmas nativity performances, beautiful cards, pictures and crafts, good humour and care."

"Thank you so very much again for looking after our precious ones so well over the years, Ladybirds I know will always hold a special place in the memories of the Jacobs family"

