



A brand new nursery from Caius House  
Giving your child a creative, playful and nurturing start





# welcome to little keys

We are a private nursery and day centre ideally located in Battersea offering exceptional care for your child in brand new facilities, led by a team of educational experts.

Little Keys Nursery was founded in 2018 to offer our local community an option for affordable, flexible childcare of the highest standard in bright, free flow surroundings, purpose-built for this brand new Early Years nursery.

We offer children aged two to five years old a vibrant programme of activities where every child can explore and have fun learning.

## our mission

Nursery education is at the heart of building our children's future and raising a child is the greatest responsibility anyone can ever have. At Little Keys Nursery we take this responsibility with the utmost seriousness, and provide an environment that insures your child is safe, secure and can express themselves. We are committed to working respectfully with children and families in ways that value the diversity of the community. And our seven Little Keys of learning ensure your child's development and education are off to the best possible start.

## our ethos

We offer a safe, happy place where everyone is known and valued as an individual child, and where different needs and beliefs are acknowledged and met.

We encourage each child to be independent and develop a sense of respect for themselves and others.

We provide a stimulating and challenging range of activities that will engage children and develop their curiosity and enjoyment in learning.

We will further develop skills that will support them through life and the beginning of their school career.

We develop children's confidence in not only themselves but within their community, family and friendship groups.

## our values

**Children** We are passionate about providing outstanding Early Years care and Education, treating each child as an individual and supporting them through the many stages of growing up and preparing for school. We thrive on fun learning and aiding developing of each child to their potential.

**Parents** We never forget that parents have a voice and a choice.

**Team** Our staff work together as a team. We take pride in everything we do and have fun along the way with the children.



# our home

## we follow six simple rules in the nursery

- \* We are kind to each other
- \* We share and take turns
- \* We listen to each other
- \* We have kind and sharing hands
- \* We use quiet and calm voices
- \* We have walking feet

We have a large range of brand new toys, books and equipment inside and outside. Children are able to use Caius House sports hall and outdoor play area overlooking a park.

Karate and ballet classes will soon be available to book during the week, and everyone will be invited to take part in summer Sports Day!



"I have over seven years' experience working in Early Years childcare. At Little Keys my team work hard to create a fun, warm and nurturing atmosphere where every child has a voice and the best opportunity to learn and play"

Rohays Von Mitzinger,  
Nursery Manager





# learning at little keys

At Little Keys Nursery, children learn essential skills needed to become strong, confident individuals through seven areas of learning and development we call our Seven Little Keys.

Through play and adult-led activity, each child has the opportunity to explore in a nurturing, lively and engaging environment that allows them to be creative, inquisitive and to enjoy and marvel at the world around them!

## personal, social and emotional development



- \* Forging relationships
- \* Self-confidence and self-awareness
- \* Managing feelings and behaviour

Our curriculum helps children gain a sense of self-respect, independence, understanding and respect for the cultures and beliefs of others. Children learn how to form happy and rewarding relationships and develop social skills.

## physical development

- \* Moving and handling
- \* Health and self-care

Learning how to move with confidence, imagination and safety with an awareness of space, themselves and others is crucial to a child's development. We also learn about the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and personal hygiene.

## communication and language



- \* Listening and attention
- \* Understanding
- \* Speaking

Children will develop their listening and attention skills, and learn to use more words in context. We begin with simple vocabulary and build on this with phrases and sentences to help your child express their feelings and nurture their imaginations!

## literacy



- \* Reading
- \* Writing

Children explore books and learn about individual letters; sounding out the phonics correctly before moving on to reading simple words. They will develop their writing skills using mark making activities before progressing to writing individual letters, their own names and simple words.



## 5 mathematics

- \* Numbers
- \* Shape, space and measure

We explore shape, size and pattern, have fun doing puzzles, playing board games and sorting and matching. Your children will begin to develop an awareness of the relationship between numbers and amounts.

## understanding the world



- \* People and communities
- \* The world
- \* Technology

Children use activities, games and technology such as iPads and Bee-Bots to explore and learn about the world around us, from the natural world to different cultures.

## expressive arts and design



- \* Exploring and using media and materials
- \* Being imaginative

Children will play with a wide range of materials including crayons, paints and scissors to discover colour, texture, shape, space and form. They build their imaginations through stories, drama, dance, music and art.

At Little Keys Nursery we understand that all children respond differently to what they see, hear and experience through their senses. We provide them with lots of opportunities to explore and share their thoughts, ideas and feelings.





## key information



### ages

We accept children aged from two to five-years-old. We are a free-flow space and the children will be separated into areas by age groups.

### opening hours

Little Keys Nursery is open for two sessions daily. You can apply for one session or both. Please note, if your child will be attending both sessions you will need to supply a packed lunch (we are a strict nut free zone).

Morning Session 9am–12pm  
Afternoon Session 12.30–3.30pm  
Full Day Session 9am–3.30pm (lunch break 12–12.30pm)

There is a signing in/out sheet at the front door which parents are required to complete daily.



### timetable

#### A typical morning:

- \* Time for the children to settle and choose their play activity
- \* Teacher led Learning Activities or Craftwork in small groups
- \* Inside and outdoor play activities
- \* Group activities including Show and Tell, story time, songs or action rhymes
- \* A healthy snack – a plain biscuit or French bread and some fruit or raw vegetable and a drink of water

#### A typical afternoon:

We have weekly projects that cover a diverse range of exciting topics and you will be informed of these at least half termly. Please encourage your child to bring in something once a week that is small and relevant to the current topic.

### fees

Please refer to the document included with this brochure or talk to a member of the Nursery staff for details of fees.

### early years grant (fnep)

All three and four-year-old children are entitled to an FNEP grant the term after they have had their third birthday.

You will be required to fill in a form declaring that your child is attending the nursery for however many mornings and that you are not receiving the grant from another setting. This form is then kept onsite for inspection by auditors. We will also need to see a copy of your child's passport or birth certificate.

The grant is currently worth £5 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per week per term, amounting to £825.



# keeping you informed

We strongly believe that there is a partnership between us and you in the caring and education of your child and that there should be an ongoing exchange of information about their progress and what is happening in their lives. There's a number of ways we will commit to doing this including:

## regular communications

We will send you emails to tell you about topics and special events we have coming up so you know what we are working on with the children. There is also a daily news board outside the front door on which we write every day to keep you up to date and in the know!

Our staff are always available before and after school to discuss how your child is progressing, and you are welcome to make a formal appointment at any time. Your child will also be allocated a "Key Person" who is responsible for overseeing their development and keeping their records up to date.

We host regular informal parent/teacher sessions when we will invite you to come and talk to your child's Key Person and to show you samples of your child's work.

## day book

Small changes can sometimes mean a lot to little children and it is important for us to know about them so that we can support them accordingly.

To aid this, Little Keys Nursery use a Day Book where we write down anything which you may tell us about your child that may affect them on that day. This could be, for example, that they have had a bad night and could be tired or that they are excited about their Granny picking them up that day.

## bumps and bruises child protection

To comply with the National Guidelines in Safeguarding and Child protection we are required to keep a record of any injuries, bruises, cuts etc which your child has received out of nursery time.

We will keep your child safe at all times, but if any bumps do happen at the nursery, all accidents will be recorded in the Accident Book so you know exactly what happened. This will also be required to be signed by you and the witnessing staff member.

# how to register your child

We can't wait to welcome you and your child to Little Keys Nursery! You will find a registration form at [littlekeysnursery.co.uk](http://littlekeysnursery.co.uk) to apply for a place. Please make sure to give us as much information as possible, including your child's age and when you would like them to start attending.

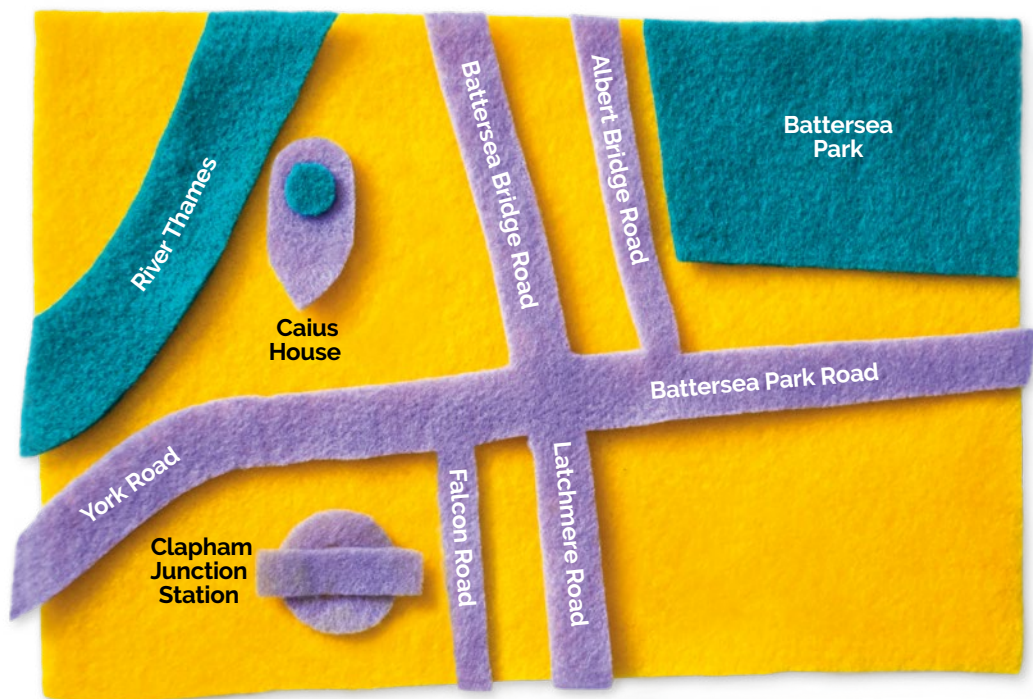
We know that your child starting nursery can be a big step, so if you have any questions or would like to discuss registering for a place beforehand, please call **020 3818 6210** or email [rohays@caiusthouse.org](mailto:rohays@caiusthouse.org) to speak to our Nursery Manager.

You can also make an appointment to visit with your child using those contact details.

More information is available at [littlekeysnursery.co.uk](http://littlekeysnursery.co.uk)







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Little Keys Nursery is a 10-minute walk from Clapham Junction.  
Caius House is located on Holman Road. Take either Yelverton Road  
or Lombard Road off York Road.

All information is correct at time of going to print and is subject to change.



Little Keys Nursery is part of Caius House, a youth charity  
that has been supporting the Battersea community for  
more than a century.