



Welcome Pack

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Welcome

Welcome to Little Goslings, on the following pages you will find information about who we are, our setting, and what your child's day will entail.

About Jayne



My name is Jayne; I started Little Goslings in early 2015 initially in my home, but due to expansion have now moved into our Farm Cottage. We have various pets at home which include, two black Labradors, two ponies, a horse and a black cat.

I gained my experience of working with children within a Primary School setting, and whilst working there, I achieved my NVQ Level 3 as a Teaching Assistant. I have also enjoyed looking after my Nephews, Nieces, God-Children and friends' children, at various stages in their lives.

I have a portfolio of all the training I have completed such as the Paediatric First Aid course, Food Safety, Safeguarding and a range of courses on the Early Years Framework.

I have also helped to form a new Partnership called The Chestnuts Childcare Partnership, which includes St Thomas Children's Centre, Little Oaks Nursery along with Little Goslings, coming together to create childcare places during term time and school holidays. The Partnership will share resources where possible and will hold training days for all staff across the board.

I am committed to providing a high quality childcare provision with unique features, so that the children are able to play both indoors and outdoors, in a safe and secure environment.

About Little Goslings

Little Goslings is a unique service, set in 16 acres of farm land, on the outskirts of the village of Kirton. Little Goslings is located on a working arable farm, tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Boston, preserving the quiet and beauty of its natural surroundings.

The setting provides the children with optimal access to the outdoors, whilst remaining in a safe, loving and nurturing environment.

We provide high quality childcare for children aged from 6 weeks to three years, also offering care for older children during the school holidays.

Our ethos is centred around the fantastic outdoor surroundings that Little Goslings has to offer. The sessions involve outdoor activities in the fields and woodland with the benefit of a wooden cabin and mud kitchen, gardening, a pond which provides nature learning, alongside boat rides.

We believe that children have the right to quality childcare in a safe, well organised and attractive environment. This is reflected through the diverse range of indoor and outdoor experiences that Little Goslings has to offer.

We have been inspected and are registered with OFSTED, and received Good in all areas on our inspection.

Little Goslings Beliefs and Goals

At Little Goslings our goals are to:



Foster a love of learning in each child



Develop their strengths and to learn and explore different things



To encourage each child's natural curiosity about the world



To promote empathy and respect for others



To provide a wide variety of experiences for each child in order to foster good social relationships, individual creativity and cognitive growth



To provide a variety of activities aimed at developing each child's fine motor and gross motor skills

At Little Goslings it is our responsibility to provide high quality child care within the guidelines of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), we focus on the following three prime areas of learning:



Personal Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development



Communication and Language Development

This is achieved by carefully planning a curriculum that enriches the child's learning and works on development according to ability. At Little Goslings we use Tapestry, which is an online programme to keep parents up to date with their child's learning and development. These will be called their Learning Journeys which parents will be able to access on Tapestry, at any time of the day. Photographs of children and observations will be regularly added to it (consent for Parents/Carers would be obtained before any photographs were taken).

About Little Goslings Setting

The Lounge & Play Room

These rooms have the majority of toys, books, treasure baskets, role-play items and many more exciting objects, that will enable the children to use their imagination.

Dining / Messy Room

This room is where the children will eat their snacks/meals. The children can also be creative with Arts and Crafts, along with baking and enjoy a range of messy play activities, to develop their learning. From this room, the children can access the garden area.

Sensory Room

This is where children can spend quiet time with sensory objects.

Sleep Rooms

The children can enjoy quiet time and sleep in these rooms.

Outdoor Space

Alongside the two large garden areas, the children will also have access to acres of fields and wooded area to explore and create adventures within. Little Goslings have dogs, a cat and ponies that the children will be able to spend time with. There is a Wooden Cabin, Teepee, Climbing Frames, Sandpit, Swings and Slides for all the children to experience. We will shortly be installing a glasshouse, to teach the children how to grow food.

What to bring

Each child needs to bring a bag containing:-



Spare clothing and coats, hat and gloves



Wellington Boots



A supply of nappies and wipes



A comforter



Medication if required



Baby formula and bottles

All items must be clearly named and brought to each session.

Hours and Opening Times

Little Goslings will be open from 8:00am - 5:30pm Monday to Friday throughout the year. Occasional extensions to these hours can be arranged by request, at an additional cost.

We will close for two weeks over Christmas and New Year period. Little Goslings will be closed for all Bank Holidays and no charge will be made for these days.

We also offer care for older children during school holidays, subject to availability.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks are offered to all children that we care for. The majority of meals are homemade and cooked using fresh ingredients. We source our fruit, vegetables and meat from local Farm Shops and Butchers. Parents/Carers can provide their own meals, such as a packed lunch or pre-cooked meal which could be heated up.

Any allergens or other dietary requirements will be discussed before attending Little Goslings.

Holidays

Little Goslings are closed for 2 weeks of the year, which is over the Christmas/New Year period and all Bank Holidays. Little Goslings will honour five weeks holiday per year for Parents, excluding our closure periods, and should you take any holiday, then a reduction of 50% will be given.

Sickness

If our Staff should be unwell and the setting has to close, you will not be charged for the time that we are closed. If your child is unwell then you will still be charged at the full day rate.

Policies and Procedures

Copies of Little Goslings policies and procedures are available to all parents and we would urge you to look at these.

There will also be permission forms to read through and sign.

Working In Partnership with Parents

At Little Goslings we value and recognise the importance of working in partnership with all parents; after all, you are the main educators and influences over your child. Little Goslings works solely on the basis of Parents and Staff working together in partnership with each other. It is a requirement of our Child Agreement that both parties must be completely honest at all times. This includes advising us of any change in circumstances for the child.

Daily Diaries are sent home after each session, which have been designed to share important information on how your child has been, activities they have enjoyed exploring, what they have eaten and key achievements that the Staff have noted that day. We also have Tapestry, an online learning journey system, where Parents are able to see their child's progress and achievements throughout the day.

Little Goslings has a Parents' Board which has information on upcoming events, what theme the children are looking at in that week, and also activities and services that can be accessed within the community.

**Thank you for considering Little Goslings.
We look forward to working with you to help your child develop in
a safe and positive learning environment.**