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Smallworld

Pre-school, Day Nursery
And Wrap Around Care

Helping our smallworld seedlings
to blossom

Watering of high quality, child enriched care
within a stimulating, safe, welcoming environment

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About us



Smallworld Day Nursery, Preschool & Link Clubs is a family owned business and has been established for more than 25 years!

We are based in the Northwich area at two sites – Leftwich Primary School and Sandiway Primary School.

Being located amongst school grounds means we also benefit from the school fields, playgrounds and woodland areas and can provide a safe and stimulating environment for all children. Smallworld families travel from all over the Cheshire area.

We are Ofsted registered for up to 24 children places at Leftwich and 52 childcare & preschool places at Sandiway and are rated as a Good Provider by Ofsted. We provide childcare all year round for those children aged 0-11 years.

We are very proud of the Smallworld settings and love to show it off, for this reason we have an open-door policy inviting all parents and children to experience Smallworld life firsthand.

We are featured on Facebook where you can access photo's, video's and parent reviews to see what our amazing parents have to say about us. Check us out at Smallworld Preschool – Leftwich and Sandiway...





Our Vision



Smallworld Vision:

Our vision is to help our Smallworld seedlings to blossom with the watering of high quality, child enriched care within a stimulating, safe, welcoming environment.

Enabling our Smallworld children to grow, take their next steps, and at the end of their Smallworld journey enter school ready to learn.

Smallworld Mission Statement:

It is our mission to provide a safe and happy environment where children are stimulated and can enjoy learning through play.

We will strive to deliver the highest standard of early years education and will prepare our children to enter school ready to learn and to participate in family and community life.

Through strong partnerships with parents, carers and guardians we aim to create a strong bond between home and preschool, considering each individual child's needs and interests in an open, nurturing and positive environment.

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Why choose Smallworld

Smallworld is a family run business, so we operate each setting according to the needs of our families.

We have been established for more than 25 years and have retained many of the staff during this time which is lovely when we have siblings returning and we are able to see and support your family growth.

Smallworld provide care and tailor quality education to meet the individual interests and needs of each child. The staff continuously support and observe each child and then offer play and stages of educational activities that help them develop and progress through their growth and learning.

Smallworld provides childcare from 7:30am until 6pm every day throughout the year.

All Smallworld staff are qualified Paediatric first aid trained and DBS checked. As early years providers we operate a strict adult to child ratio as defined by the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Statutory framework) Giving your children twice as many qualified adults than most schools, giving your child a more personalised, nurturing and safe experience.



Why choose Smallworld



We are situated on primary school sites and have excellent relationships with both Leftwich and Sandiway primary school and the wider school community.

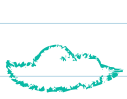
We provide holiday club and wrap around care so that siblings can be together during out of school hours.

The Smallworld link clubs are fun filled, that keep your family entertained and safe before, after and during the school holidays.

Excellent resources:

Smallworld regularly invests in new age-appropriate equipment and resources to keep children entertained and challenged. With an extensive indoor and outdoor space including a woodland and access to the wider school grounds there is plenty of space for our little ones to burn off their energy.





Our Aims



Children:

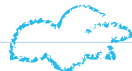
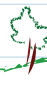
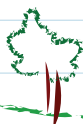
Provide opportunities for them to be creative, imaginative and active lifelong learners and to explore, experiment and discover new ideas, skills and concepts that are appropriate for each age range and skill level.

Parents & carers:

Provide peace of mind to parents/carers, enabling them to leave their children in our care. We will work in close partnership with parents/carers to encourage participation in their child's learning and to ensure a consistent approach to development between home and Smallworld.

Staff:

Maintain a stimulating working environment that encourages new initiatives and best practice, enhances professional and personal development in which spontaneous learning opportunities are identified and recognised as they occur.

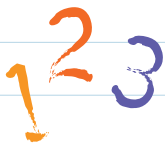


Testimonials

My daughter joined Sandiway pre school aged 3 after being at nursery. The staff were amazing and have really prepared her for school. They are always there to advise you on anything and I could not have asked for more from them. My daughter actually gets excited to attend and the activities they put on are incredible. I think one of the most appealing thing to me was the fact the staff really care and don't see it just as a job. I wouldn't hesitate in recommending here

*All 3 of my children have been to Smallworld Leftwich, one is still there and will be leaving to go to primary in September (she will be sad to go), I've just put my 4th child's name down too, absolutely brilliant place, such caring fabulous staff and what I love is all the lovely ladies that were there when my oldest (now 13) went are still there now! 5******

I would highly recommend Smallworld. My little boy had a fantastic time there and settled so well. The staff are so lovely and friendly to both children and parents and really take the time to get to know each child. The outside area is great and they have lots of wonderful resources. They prepared him really well for school, which really helped with his transition. We are looking forward to my other little boy starting in September as we know he'll love it!



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What We Do!

A TYPICAL DAY at Smallworld:

A Pre School Session / day:

We organise our sessions so that the children can choose from and work at a range of activities and in doing so build up their ability to select and work through a task to its completion. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities, which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as helping them to learn to work with others. Our outdoor garden and woodland areas contribute to children's health, their physical development and their knowledge of the world around them. Children have the opportunity to take part in outdoor child-chosen and adult-led activities, as well as those provided indoors to meet the changing energy levels of children throughout the day, including those children that need restful and quiet activities.

Preschool operates during term time and is structured in a similar way to school to help prepare our Smallworld children for their next steps. A school year is 38 weeks long and the term dates for each school year can be accessed on the website or social media platforms.





What We Do!

Pre School Snacks & Meals:

We make and provide snacks and refreshments throughout the day and lunch is a packed lunch provided from home or we offer a hot lunch which can be ordered weekly. Eating times are a social and learning opportunity where children and adults eat together. Children will learn how to sit and eat their food and clear their lunch boxes away as they would at school. The snacks we provide are healthy and nutritious food options and are tailored to your child's dietary needs.

A healthy lunch:

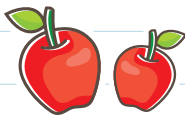


An example of a healthy lunch box

Sandwiches or a bagel, wrap, pitta bread or crackers, a sausage roll, piece of fruit, a yogurt, cake or biscuit and a drink

Pre School Hot Dinners:

These dinners are only available at the Sandiway setting and provide excellent value for money, they are nutritionally balanced and are served fresh. The food is made using the highest quality ingredients available from local sources. Speak to a member of staff for more information.



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What We Do!

Pre School clothing:

Smallworld do have a uniform which we recommend. Wearing a uniform help's prepare children for their next steps at school giving children a sense of belonging whilst also enabling them to fully involve themselves in the activities of the day. At Smallworld we do encourage messy play and do provide protective clothing for the children however cannot guarantee that they will not get messy. Children are encouraged to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes. Clothing that is easy for them to manage will help them to do this. Smallworld uniform is supplied by Buccaneer promotions in North-wich and is available to order online or in store <https://bucc.group>.

What's in my school bag?

Change of clothes – “Come what may, Smallworld will play”
At Smallworld we arrange a variety of challenging and exciting activities for the children that may see them get messy, dirty or wet. We hold a small number of items in school however a change of clothes is recommended, just in case.





What We Do...



Starlights Baby Room

A specially designed room tailored for those children aged from 3 months to 2 years.

Our spacious room is equipped with a dedicated sleeping area to help aid sleep during the day whilst keeping our sleeping baby's safe. We also have a designated safe changing area. Our room is equipped with its own kitchen to help with safe and immediate food and bottle preparation whilst also having access to the main setting kitchen for more complex dietary needs.

The flooring in this room has been specially selected for comfort and warmth, providing all children with a comfortable and safe place to play and learn.

We have a range of stimulating resources for playtime to encourage your child's sensory development and interaction with others. Children enjoy fresh air and the great outdoors in our secure outdoor area and during pushchair walks around our surrounding nature areas.



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What We Do... Starlights Baby Room

This room and our resources have been specially designed and selected for growth and development and through free and structured play children will prosper in:

Social Skills, sharing, and forming relationships

Speech and Language

Colour and shape recognition

Hand-eye coordination

Fine motor skills such as throwing and climbing

Spatial awareness through outdoor play

Independence – eating and drinking, choosing what to play with

A typical day in our Starlights room will include sensory and stimulating activities to help them learn and grow, such as:

Music Play

Mood lighting and sensory toys

Messy/Textured Play

Physical Activities including outdoor play in our enclosed garden that has a soft play surface for their comfort

Jigsaws, clay modelling and sorting games and lots more...



What We Do... Starlights Baby Room

In our nurseries we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework which recognises the importance of learning and development at this early stage. All staff in this room are highly qualified childcare educators and are safeguarding and paediatric first aid trained.

Our baby room operates as a day care nursery, providing childcare all year round (except on Bank Holidays and the Christmas Period).

Nursery fees are calculated by taking the weekly amount, multiplying it by the length of the school year (50 weeks) and dividing it by 12 to give a monthly amount. Fees are due by the end of the first week of the month and are in lieu of the month. You can make payment via your iPal account using a credit/debit card, childcare vouchers or both.





What We Do...



Starlights Baby Room

Mealtimes:

For children who are bottle fed, we ask that formula and bottles are provided.

We provide a well-balanced tasty menu of fresh, home-cooked food including, a wholesome breakfast, a morning snack, 2 course lunch consisting of a main and desert and an afternoon snack and finally a teatime meal and desert. Our menus are compiled with consideration for a healthy diet and children's preferences and/or allergies.

Meal and snack times are treated as a social occasion where children are encouraged to eat independently when ready, observe good table manners whilst enjoying their food in the company of their friends and staff. A copy of the menu will be available from inside the setting and visible on the notice board.

Our building is set out to promote easy growth and development, with open plan rooms and fluid routines, we will endeavor to help your child move through their stages of development at their own pace and ensure that they have access to the most suitable environment for their age.



Who We Are...

Key Person:

Our setting uses a key person approach to help link you and your child's home life with Smallworld. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is particularly responsible. Your child's key person will be the person who will work with you to make sure that the childcare that we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests.

Staff:

Many of the Smallworld Staff have been with our nursery since the day we opened! There is over 100 years combined service amongst our team which is unique to this industry which is usually known for its high staff turnover.

With the longevity of staff comes the wealth of experience plus all our team are fully qualified ranging from NVQ Level 3 to NVQ Level 5 and Degree level in Early Years. We are all paediatric first aid trained we all remain up to date with food hygiene and safeguarding. We are members of a CPD qualified training provider and have access to a plethora of training courses, helping us remain up to date in childcare and education.



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Implementation

Areas of our curriculum:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Role Play, ELSA – Emotion Learning, WOW moments

Physical Development:

Fine motor: Play dough, drawing, painting

Gross Motor: Sports, Parachute games, Bat and ball games,
Climbing, Riding, Yoga

Communication and Language:

Reading, Singing and music...

Literacy and Numeracy:

Number work, Shapes and colours, Mark making, Story time,
Sand and water play

Expressive arts and design:

Craft activities, Junk Modelling, Cooking, Creative play

Understanding the world:

Languages, Culture, Religion celebrations, Science,
Celebration of occupation, Woodland Play – Planting,
exploring, scavenger hunts...

At Smallworld we develop and adapt our curriculum for all learning styles and ages, so our children are ready to take their next steps in their learning and development journey.



Learning Assessment...

Impact:

At Smallworld we measure our impact and assess how young children are learning and developing by observing them frequently and recording their learning achievement using an online Learning journal.

Parents have full access to this and can see and comment on our observations and track their child's learning and development and share in the special moments we create whilst at Smallworld. The online portal is password protected and parents can only view their own child's assessment.

We believe that parents know their children best and we will ask you to contribute to their assessment by sharing information about what your child likes to do at home and how you, as parents, are supporting development.

Learning and development is assessed daily and reviewed at regular intervals, as well as times of transition, such as when a child moves into a different group or when they go on to school to ensure our children are achieving their next steps and meeting their learning goals.



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Learning Assessment...

The Progress check at age two:

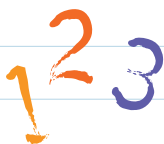
When a child is aged between 24 - 36 months the Early Years Foundation Stage requires that we supply parents and carers with a progress check in the three prime areas of learning and development - personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language.

Your child's key person is responsible for completing the check using information from on-going observational assessments carried out as part of our everyday practice, taking account of the views and contributions of parents and other professionals.

Your child's learning journal helps us to celebrate together her/his achievements and to work together to provide what your child needs for her/his well-being and to make progress.

Your child's key person will work in partnership with you to keep this record. To do this we will collect information about your child's needs, activities, interests and achievements.

This information will enable the key person to identify your child's stage of progress. Together, we will then decide on how to help your child to move on to the next stage.



Effective Learning!

Characteristics of effective learning:

We understand that all children engage with other people and their environment differently, and each have a different style of learning known as the characteristics of effective learning that are described in the EYFS as:

Playing and exploring = engagement
Active learning = motivation
Creating and thinking critically = thinking

Playing / learning we provide for each style of effective learning by observing how a child is playing / learning and assessing what we can do in order to support each child as an effective and motivated learner.



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Funding Information

We offer funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year old children - 15 hours for 2 year old children depending on approval from a children's centre, the universal 15 hours for all 3+ year old's and the additional 15 hours for eligible working parents. We are also able to offer stretched funding options for those parents who require care outside of the school term in our Holiday Club.

If you qualify for 2 year old funding we will require a copy of the funding confirmation from your local sure start centre. For 3/4 years old funding a funding contract is required. You can request a copy from a member of staff or a copy is available on iPaL.

For 3/4 year old funding we request a consumable fee of £0.60p / hour. Please speak with a member of staff to request more detail.



Smallworld Terms & Conditions can be found on iPaL, you will be asked to read and agree to these terms as part of the registration process.



Wrap Around Care...

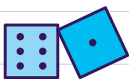
Smallworld also provide Breakfast and Afterschool Club care for ages 2-11 years. So, care is available to you as you require it. At breakfast club your children will be offered a healthy breakfast and refreshments to help prepare them for the busy day ahead. They will have access to a range of 'wake up' activities from, yoga, Joe Wicks, reading, crafts and much more.

We will then ensure your child is delivered to school/preschool on time and ready to learn! In Afterschool Club our home from home environment provides relief and familiarity with arriving home after a busy day at school/preschool. Our room changes into a more relaxed atmosphere with access to computer consoles, T.V, Movies, and a chill out! On the flip side, if there is still energy to burn, we provide outdoor field games such as football, Netball, Rounders and much more.

For our older children, we can support with homework and have a quiet area for this.

We provide light snacks and refreshments throughout and a hot tea before home time.

Each setting is flexible and operates according to parent requirement so please speak to your selected setting to request more details.



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Holiday Club...

We provide care all year round and during the school holidays we turn into a fun filled and action-packed Holiday Club.

Holiday Club provides parents with the flexibility to choose their days and hours to suit.

At Holiday Club children will be kept busy with a well prepared itinerary including adventures outdoors, marshmallows at the fire pit, day trips out in the local community, mad science days, creepy critters, sports days, crafts and art, bouncy castle fun and so much more!

Holiday Club is staffed by our Smallworld Preschool and day care staff which means your children are receiving the very best of care by fully qualified practitioners who are all first aid and safeguarding trained. Details about each holiday club are issued in advance of the holiday period.



Working together ...

We maintain a much more stringent adult to child ratio than a school nursery. This helps protect and safeguard our children to the highest standard and ensure your child has the time and attention they need and want. We can talk and engage on a more personal level helping explore need's and interests and improve the child's learning outcome. With an increased adult presence, children can be more adventurous in play and in a safe environment.

Parental involvement:

At Smallworld we recognise parents as the first and most important educators for their children. We aim to form a partnership with parents so we can provide unique care and education. There are many ways that parents can take part/support us in welcoming and stimulating children in their learning, such as:

exchanging knowledge about their children's needs, activities, interests and progress with our staff. All new children will be asked to complete an 'All about Me' booklet, contribute and support the progress check at age two and volunteer and help out in the session.

Like with a school PTA (Parent Teacher Association), Smallworld also encourage parents to help support and partake in fundraising events so we can provide new equipment and materials used in the children's play activities, join in community activities in which Smallworld is involved in and build friendships with other parents in the setting.



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Working together ...

Parents', GrandParents, Carers rota:

Smallworld invites parents / grandparents to help out during a Smallworld day. Your involvement here enables you to see what the day-to-day life of our setting is like and to join in helping the children to get the best out of their activities. Experience shows that children love to have their loved one's at school and show of how clever they are. It is a fun and rewarding experience for all.

Joining the rota is not the only means of taking part in the life of the setting. Family members can offer to take part in a session by sharing their own interests and skills with the children and have visited the setting to play the clarinet for the children, show pictures of the local carnival held in their neighbourhood, show the children their collection of shells, celebrate hero's of the community and much more.

We welcome your family to drop into the setting or to speak with the staff if you would like more information or to take part.



Policies



Our staff can explain our policies and procedures to you. Copies are also available on iPal. Our policies ensure that the service we provide is in line with the EYFS framework and Ofsted. Our staff work together to adhere to the policies and make sure that we are providing the highest level of quality childcare for our parents and children.

Illness Policy:

The full policy is available in iPal however for general sickness or infection we will act accordingly:

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious

If children appear unwell during the day – for example, if they have a temperature, sickness, diarrhea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – the officer in charge or a senior member of staff will call the parents and ask them to collect the child, or to send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf. A password is needed on collection.

If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing and sponging their heads with cool water but kept away from draughts.

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The child's temperature is taken using a thermometer which is kept in the first aid box.

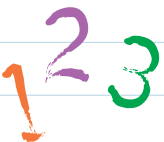
If the child's temperature does not go down and is worryingly high, then we may give them Calpol or another similar analgesic, after first obtaining verbal consent from the parent where possible.

This is to reduce the risk of febrile convulsions, particularly for babies. Parents sign the medication record when they collect their child.

In extreme cases of emergency, an ambulance is called, and the parent informed.

Parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to the setting; we can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhea or a contagious infection or disease.

Where children have been prescribed antibiotics for an infectious illness or complaint, we ask parents to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.





Data Management



Online IPal Registration:

Smallworld operates an online registration system. All children need to be registered on this system so that your childcare bookings can be made.

This software will enable parents to register, book places, pay their fees all with a click of a button. To do this, please visit:

Please go to <https://smallworldpreschool.schoolipal.co.uk> for

Sandiway and <https://smallworldpreschoolleftwich.schoolipal.co.uk> for Leftwich.

On this screen in the top right-hand corner you will see parent login, click this and on the next screen you will see “register for children’s bookings” click into this new screen will say “new parent registration” Please follow the prompts and add all the information about yourself and then your child, once completed press submit.

You will receive an email showing that your child is now registered at Smallworld.

Through iPal we will issue newsletters and other general communication, we also use the system to sign in/out your child. Children need to be signed out on collection using a password, this means we are providing the ultimate level of safeguarding and protection of your children. iPal provide 24/7 support and are on hand to help with your enquiries.



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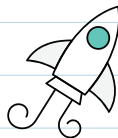
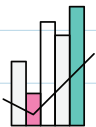


GDPR:

Information we hold about you and your child

We have procedures in place for the recording and sharing of information (data) about you and your child that is compliant with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations (2018), you can review our GDPR policy on iPal or contact a member of staff to request more information.

The data we collect is processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner and collected for specified and legitimate purpose and is not processed for other purposes. When you register your child with us, we will provide you with a privacy notice that gives you further details of how we fulfil our obligations regarding your data.





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Facebook: Smallworld Pre-School – Leftwich and Sandiway

We encourage parents to like and follow our page to remain up to date with the latest company news, upcoming events, and much more useful information. This is a public page, so we do not feature any information or pictures of the children on this page.

Opening times

Opening times – 7:30am – 6pm Monday – Friday,

50 weeks of the year excluding bank holidays and the Christmas Period. During non-term time opening hours may vary according to demand.



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