



The Ark (Littleborough) Ltd

Set in the Old Police Station in Littleborough, The Ark is a private day nursery catering for children aged 4 weeks – 4 years. Space at The Ark is the out of school and holiday club able to look after children aged 4 – 11 years.]

The building has been tastefully converted with thought given to all provision areas to ensure that children have enriched experiences throughout their time with us.

The building operates on two levels with the children being split into age groups. The 0-2 age group is based on the ground floor and they have a self-contained room with a cosy /quiet area for rest and sleep along with a purpose-built nappy changing area and milk kitchen.

The 2-4 year olds are based on the ground floor and they have their own bathroom directly off the room and also have access to the outdoor area.

Eventually, this age group will be split into 2-3 years (who will remain on the ground floor) and 3-4 years whose provision will then be on the first floor.

The out of school / holiday club children have a separate play area which is located on the first floor. This is resourced in order to cater for needs of children between the ages of 4 and 11 years.

All of the childcare rooms are designed and resourced in order that children can access continuous provision at all times of the day.

In addition to the childcare rooms, there is also a sensory room, wet room, ICT / library and a separate dining area. These enable the children to have a variety of areas which can be accessed in smaller groups.

There is a large outdoor play area which has been designed especially to cater for the children of all ages in varying group sizes. The equipment includes a mud kitchen, sand & water trays, large climbing equipment and a traversing wall. In addition to this there is a designated area for smaller babies to play.

The mixed age range of staff hold a wealth of childcare qualifications and experience between them. All of the childcare practitioners are qualified at a minimum of Level 3, some having degrees in Early Childhood Studies.



In addition to this we have a qualified cook who is experienced at catering for various dietary requirements and produces home-cooked healthy food for the children. The menus are well thought out to ensure that children have a large variety of food to try. The meals consist of two courses and these are either a starter followed by a main course or a main course followed by a dessert.

There is also a dedicated housekeeper who is responsible for ensuring the cleanliness of the building, laundering of bedding / towels and providing a support to the childcare team (she also holds a level 3 qualification in childcare so is able to assist the practitioners in the event of unplanned staff absences).