

GRASSHOPPERS

IN THE PARK

GRASSHOPPERS IN THE PARK LTD. COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL
 St Thomas' Church, 37 Clapton Common, London E5 9AA
 Tel: 020 8806 8440 Ofsted Registration no: EY288287/3

Application Form

Please complete and return to a member of staff .

Name of child			
Sex		Dob	
Name of Parent			
Address			
Contact Numbers			
E-mail			
Please list any particular requirements or illnesses we should know about			
Does your child sleep during the day			
Is your child in nappies/using a potty etc?			
How many days interest you? With or without a parent day?			
When, ideally, would you like to start			

Please tick to show that you understand the following:

Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each month.

You are happy to be involved in the running of Grasshoppers.

Signed.....

Date.....

“We aim to provide affordable childcare in a loving and homely environment; one in which our children can learn through play, and in which they are given the chance to develop their own individual talents in an atmosphere free of prejudice.”

Who Are We?

Grasshoppers is an OFSTED registered full day care nursery managed by parents, for children from rising 2 through to 5 years old. Parents have the option to work with the children, alongside trained members of staff, one day weekly, as play-workers. We strongly believe parental involvement enriches the nursery experience. Grasshoppers in a supportive and lively place where you will get to know all your child's friends and can be involved in how they spend their time.

Opening Times and Vacancies

The nursery is open from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6pm. We offer a range of places from a minimum of 2 days, to 5 days full-time. The fee structure is flexible, offering a range of part time and full time options.

All applications are treated on a first come first served basis. Please fill out a form and you will be added to our waiting list. As soon as a place becomes available we will let you know.

A Parent-Run Nursery

At Grasshoppers you will find the involvement of parents is much greater than at usual nurseries. Grasshoppers gives you a unique opportunity to be directly involved in decisions about all aspects of the running. Everything from gardening and organizing special events to preparing the accounts and fundraising is handled by the Parents. Everyone is asked to take a specific role according to their particular skills. There is a monthly meeting for all parents and staff to discuss how they feel things are going and make decisions on how improvements can be made.

If you have any any queries on the organizational side of Grasshoppers please email Andy at: grasshoppersinfo@googlemail.com

The Daily Routine....

The daily routine begins at 10.00am when all children have arrived. We always start with Circle Time where everyone comes together to talk, sing, and read stories.

Activities such as art, craft, cooking, music, yoga, dance, gym, gardening etc take place in the morning with a light snack around 10.30am. The daily outing (to Springfield park or another excursion) follows and the children are back around 12.30 for lunch.

After lunch the sleepers have a nap and the older children go outside or if it's raining into our large basement area to take part in free play and activities suitable for their age group. Everyone is awake by 4pm when there is another snack. After that there is a period of free play until parents come to collect their child.

Art and craft activities are always available to the children.

Food and Drink....

Our trained nutritionist Stefania lovingly plans and cooks all the children's meals in our kitchen on site. There is a strong emphasis on good quality, locally produced organic food whenever possible. The children really enjoy eating their lunch together and all specific food requirements or allergies can be catered for. Healthy snacks are also provided to share in the morning and after-noon which always include fresh fruit and vegetables.

Outings....

Outings take place most days – trips to local parks/playgrounds are the most common. We strongly believe in the benefits of letting the children have a chance to let off steam as often as possible. The adults on duty that day walk with the children, holding hands.

The children also use local facilities, such as the library and, from time to time, go further a field – recent trips have included London Zoo, Hackney City Farm, the Museum of Childhood, Kew Garden and the Science Museum. Parents are invited to come along if they can.

If you have any Queries about the day to day running please contact Karima at GrassHoppers.

Tel: 020 8806 8440 or email: grasshoppers-ltd@tiscali.co.uk

Outreach.....

Every Friday between 10am and 12am the Nursery holds an outreach session to which all families in the local community are invited. The event is publicised locally and children are free to come and explore the nursery and participate in any of the events which take place. These can include arts and crafts and a very popular music session with our visiting multi instrumentalist Jorge the Music Man. In this fun and exciting session children can sing along, dance, experience a variety of musical instruments and even learn to conduct! Although the Outreach session is much busier than a normal day it can give you a sense of what the nursery is like.

<u>Full time:</u>	<u>with parent days:</u>
1 month - £ 750.00	1 month - £ 480.00
1 week - £ 173.00	1 week - £ 110.77
1 day - £ 34.61	1 day - £ 22.15
<u>Part time – 4 days:</u>	<u>with parent days:</u>
1 month - £ 620.00	1 month - £ 370.00
1 week - £ 143.08	1 week - £ 85.38
1 day - £ 35.77	1 day - £ 21.35
<u>Part time – 3 days:</u>	<u>with parent days:</u>
1 month - £ 480.00	1 month - £ 260.00
1 week - £ 110.77	1 week - £ 60.00
1 day - £ 36.9	1 day - £ 20.00
<u>Part time – 2 days:</u>	Please note: 2 days with Parent days are not offered and Half days are available on Fridays.
1 month - £ 340.00	
1 week - £ 78.46	
1 day - £ 39.23	

If you have any queries on fees or government grants please contact Klara on grasshoppersfinance@googlemail.com