



Heath Lane Nursery School, Children's Club and Children's Centre

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Welcome to our nursery school, children's club and children's centre. Today you will see the nursery school and children's club in action during a normal session. You will also be able to register with the children's centre if you have not already done so. This leaflet explains a little about our different services.

Heath Lane Nursery School is a local authority nursery, funded by Hertfordshire County Council to serve the community of Hemel Hempstead.

We are able to provide part-time nursery education for 70 children and full-time places for 10 children, 9am to 3pm (subject to Social Services referral). All of these places are funded by the Local Authority.

Heath Lane Children's Club supports the nursery school by providing care and education to children from 8am to 6pm, 48 weeks per year. There are 16 places available in each session.

At the nursery and club we aim to provide a safe, secure and happy learning environment in which children can achieve high levels of self-confidence and a positive attitude to learning.

To help children do this we offer a rich variety of learning experiences to encourage investigation and help children make independent and informed choices.



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The nursery and club staff are all highly qualified and experienced, teachers, nursery nurses and early years' practitioners. We offer a balanced programme of activities which takes into account skills and concepts linked to the six areas of learning for Early Years Foundation Stage. These are Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication, Language and Literacy; Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy; Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Physical Development; Creative Development.

What happens in an Early Years Session at nursery or club?

Circle, Small Group, Story and Snack Time. Adults lead and direct children to develop new skills relevant to their needs and interests. These are planned activities.

Child Initiated Play. Children select from a range of activities and play independently. Adults play with the children to develop their knowledge and their language skills maximising their potential learning. There is always an opportunity to develop physical, social and play skills at this time.

Activities include water, sand, dough, painting and collage, music and dance, drawing and writing, construction, technology toys, role-play, maths, jigsaws and book sharing.

The club and the nursery have excellent outdoor areas which are used each day to extend the environment for these activities. The nursery session also runs a forest school programme which enriches the children's sense of well-being and develops their knowledge and understanding of the world.

Lunch Club

It is possible for children to have a cooked or a packed lunch during their time at Heath Lane. Please speak to Mrs Humphrey in the office to discuss your requirements.



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Flexible Entitlement

A limited number of places are available for flexible entitlement enabling children to attend 15 hours per week over fewer than 5 days. This service is to support parents and carers who work or would like to further their education. We manage this in conjunction with the children's club who run parallel sessions to nursery as well as the additional breakfast, lunch and after school clubs. Please speak to Mrs Humphrey in the office to discuss your individual requirements.

Additional sessions

Parents and carers can also buy additional sessions on a regular or ad-hoc basis, places permitting. Prices are as follows:-

Breakfast Club (8am - 9am)	£4.00 (including breakfast)
Morning Club (9am - Midday)	£10.50
Lunch Club (Midday - 12.30pm)	£2.00
Afternoon Club (12.30pm - 3.30pm)	£10.50
After School Club (3.30pm - 6.00pm)	£9.50 (including light tea)

Holiday Club

The Children's Club also runs a highly regarded holiday club in half-term weeks and Easter and summer holiday periods.

Sessions run from 8am to 1.00pm and 1.00pm to 6.00pm. The cost is £15.00 per session.

Please Note: All club prices are correct as at January 2012



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How to Apply for a Nursery Place 2012-2013

Heath Lane Nursery School encourages all parents to register their interest in a nursery place by contacting the school after their child's 2nd birthday. Parents are then invited to attend an Open Day where they can look around our nursery and children's club and discuss the care they require.

For children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 the timetable for applying for a nursery place is as follows:-

Monday 20 February 2012 - Online application system opens

Sunday 1 April 2012 - Online application system closes

Monday 30 April 2012 - Nursery offers place to parents

Sunday 6 May 2012 - Deadline for parents to accept places

How to Apply for Sessions at Heath Lane Children's Club

The club is registered to take children from their 3rd birthday. Where a child is eligible for 15 hours of care, this can be taken over fewer than 5 sessions. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Haynes, Co-ordinator. Telephone 01442-234687 between 1pm and 3pm, or by emailing hlcclub@googlemail.com.

Heath Lane Children's Centre has a team of staff based at the Children's Centre office at Heath Lane Nursery School. They can support children and their families in a range of ways and work closely with other professionals to ensure children from birth to 5 years old can access a variety of services. They use a variety of locations in the area and regularly use the nursery facilities for stay and play sessions at weekends and in the school holiday periods. We would encourage you to register with them so the newsletters reach you promptly.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the children's centre: Tel: 01442 261043 or Email: admin.heathlane@hertschildrenscentres.org.uk.