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# **GOLDSMITHS NURSERY PROSPECTUS**

**POWERED BY GOLDSMITHS STUDENTS' UNION**

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# INTRODUCTION.

**We are a small Nursery for children aged six months to five years. The Nursery is managed by Goldsmiths Students' Union. The Nursery staff are highly qualified and experienced in early years practice.**

# OUR ETHOS.

We believe that children's voices should be heard and we give them the time, space, choices and opportunities for them to do so. We aim for children to be confident climbers, walkers, runners and to move freely and independently across apparatus.

We do this by enabling children to take risks and by giving them the appropriate resources and ample outdoor opportunities they require to succeed in developing their physical skills.

Goldsmiths SU Nursery offers a distinctive opportunity for children to participate in a Forest School experience led by a qualified Forest School leader. These sessions are held in both the University's local natural space and the nursery's own Secret Forest.

The Forest School provides a special chance for children to engage with the outdoors, fostering their holistic development and nurturing them as confident, capable learners. Moreover it instils in them a sense of responsibility towards the environment, rooted in the principles of connection, independence, and imagination. This experience also contributes to the enchantment of children's self- esteem and well-being.

# OPENING HOURS.

We are open from 8.30am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday.

The Nursery is open forty four weeks of the year, closing two weeks over Christmas and Easter and four weeks during August.

# PLAYROOMS.

The Nursery has a Sunshine room for children from six months old, a Caterpillar room for children aged eighteen months and above and a pre-school room (Butterfly room) for children rising three to school age.

# EDUCATION.

We believe that children learn best through play, by experimenting, experiencing, using imagination and investigation through provision, indoors and outdoors.

The nursery adheres to Early Year Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS), and we are regulated and inspected by Ofsted. The framework sets standards for learning and development and care provision for children from birth to five. The EYFS framework promotes four main themes, they are: a unique child, positive relationships, enabling environment and learning and development. The four guiding themes work together to underpin good practice in the delivery of the EYFS. The EYFS incorporates seven learning areas within it that staff observe, plan and assess activities around in order to promote children's individual learning and development.

The children learn and play (in accordance with the EYFS framework), indoors and outdoors.



# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES.

If your child has additional educational needs please discuss these with the Nursery Manager at the time of applying for a place. Our Policy is to accept children with additional needs if we possibly can accommodate them.

Further information is available in our educational needs policy.

# KEY PERSON SYSTEM.

Your child will be appointed a key person when they join the nursery. This person will take overall responsibility for settling your child into the nursery and will build up a strong and sustainable relationship with your child.

They will keep records on your child in order to track their learning and development throughout their time at the nursery. A summary of your child's progress will be passed on to their school and a copy given to you.

Every term you will be given the opportunity to meet with your child's key person to discuss their development. You will receive a termly report detailing your child's progress. We will invite you to contribute to the report so that we can build up a holistic view of your child.



# MEAL TIMES.

Babies are required to bring in packed lunch and tea. At lunchtime, we provide fresh nutritious, vegetarian food at the nursery for children from twelve months old; children will be required to bring in a snack for tea.

Lunch is provided by a local restaurant. We provide children with drinks of water and milk throughout the day.

Children will be given small health snacks daily (e.g. fresh fruit), kindly donated by parents.

# FEES.

Fees are **£85 per day for staff and community users**. Fees are only payable during our forty four weeks of opening. No retainers are charged during any holiday periods.

The government runs a tax-free childcare scheme which offers eligible working parents a 20% reduction in costs. Please visit: [gov.uk/tax-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) for more information.

If you are a student and require financial information on assistance with childcare costs then please contact the Goldsmiths student support team and speak to the student funding department.

**Fees are invoiced before the start of each month and are payable in receipt of each invoice. Children over 9 months old are eligible for the entitlement of fifteen hours of free nursery provision per week, depending on your family circumstances. The reduction applies from the start of the term following your child's birthday. Further details regarding this will be provided once you secure a place at the nursery.**

**All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for fifteen hours of free nursery provision.**



# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN.

The Children Act 2004 and the ChildCare Act 2006 highlight five positive outcomes for children:


1. Being healthy
2. Staying safe
3. Enjoying and achieving
4. Making a positive contribution
5. Achieving economic well-being

The nursery is committed to safeguarding children by promoting their welfare, in relation to the five outcomes. All nursery staff strive to be vigilant and proactive in recognising and responding to child abuse to ensure that the risk of harm to children's welfare is minimised. It is the responsibility of all nursery stakeholders to safeguard all children in our care, including those who are "in need" or at risk of harm.

# PARENT PARTNERSHIP.

We have an open-door policy at the nursery whereby you are welcome to talk to staff on a daily basis concerning any issues about your child or nursery. We hold regular parents' forums to raise any general concerns, queries and for sharing ideas and information.

We welcome parents into the nursery if they have any valuable contributions, for example, skills or experiences to share with the children. We also rely on parental support with fundraising events and help on some outings.



# APPLICATION AND ADMISSION.

As soon as we receive your completed online application form, and your £100 deposit, your child's name will be placed on the waiting list. The nursery requires you to apply for a minimum of two days childcare. Two days or more attendance gives children consistency and enables them to settle with more ease.

We aim to contact you in May to inform you as to whether your child has a place for September. You will be contacted via email.

**If you are offered a place then acceptance is required in writing. Fees are payable in advance to secure your place.**

Once you have accepted a nursery place we arrange a mutually convenient time for you to meet with your child's prospective key person. The introduction meeting will be held during your child's settling in period.

If you are not offered a place you have the option of withdrawing your child's name from the waiting list or remaining on the list until you are offered a place. Your deposit will be returned if you are removed from the waiting list.

Please ensure that you notify the nursery if you change address or email. If we do not have the correct email address to contact you at the time of offering places we will remove your child's name from the waiting list. The waiting list operates on a first-come-first-served basis with priority given to those parents who already have a child attending the nursery.

If you have any queries regarding any of this information, please contact the Nursery Manager on **020 7919 7111**, alternatively please email **[karen.roe@goldsmithssu.org](mailto:karen.roe@goldsmithssu.org)**

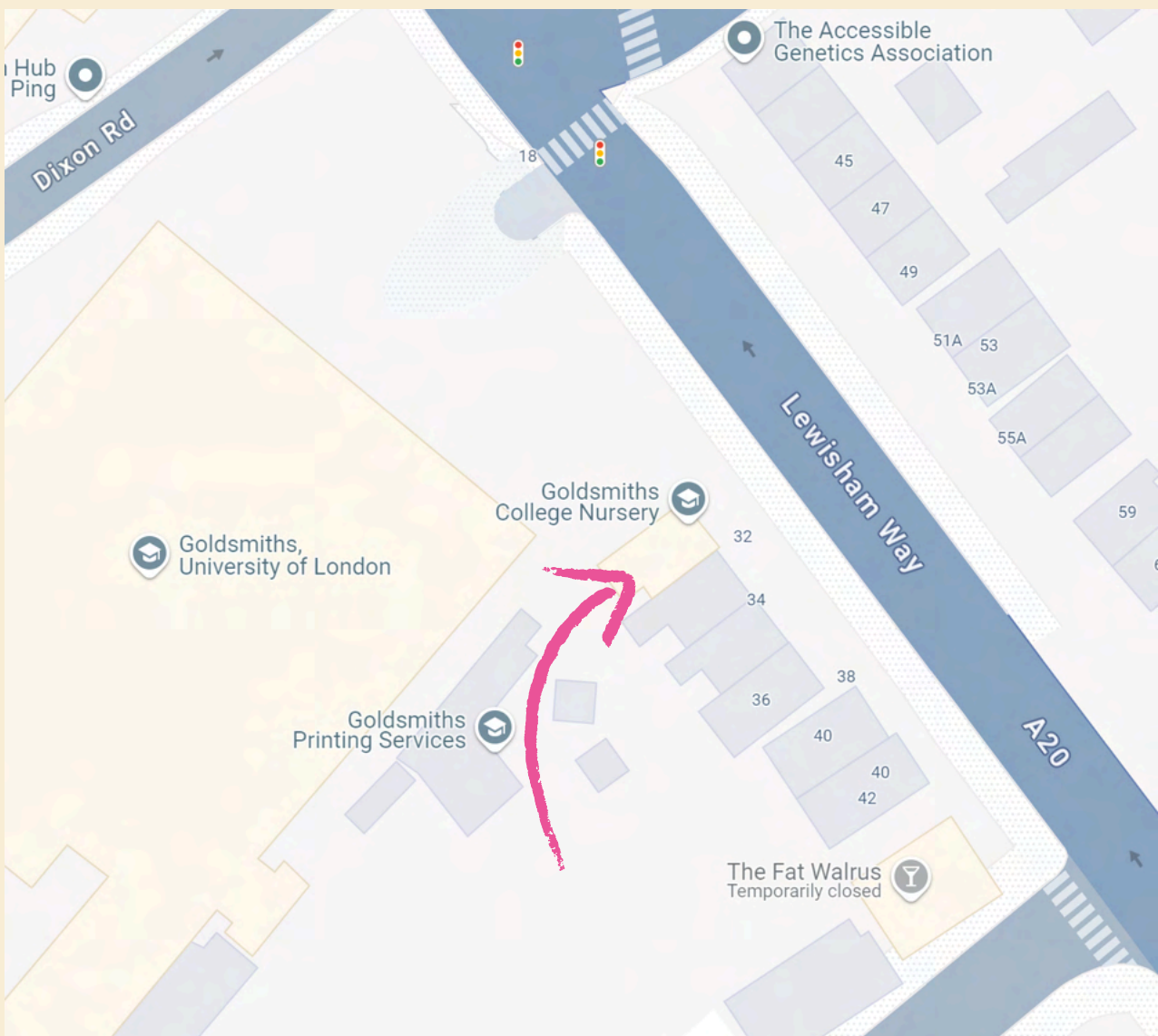




# NURSERY LOCATION ON CAMPUS.

Take the path round the left-hand side of the entrance to Richard Hoggart Building (RHB) and into the back of Lewisham way. You will find signs for the Nursery which is the first building on your left.

You can also find the nursery location using the Goldsmiths online campus map, following this link: [gold.ac.uk/campus-map](http://gold.ac.uk/campus-map) and location search "Nursery".



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