

# TINY ADVENTURES

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## Parent enquiry information

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Thank you for considering placing your child at Tiny Adventures. Please take the time to read the information below, if you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the Nursery Manager.

Tiny Adventures is a 53 place nursery located off Park Lane within Macclesfield Learning zone. We provide full day care for children from 12 weeks to six years. Tiny Adventures have a special needs policy in place, and we also work closely with the Cheshire East Council. Tiny Adventures is OFSTED registered and our certificate can be found on display in the reception at the nursery. We are also a member of East Cheshire NDNA.



We have four rooms at the nursery. The Snugly Seekers (3- 12 months approx), Tiny Trekkers (1-2 years approx), Cheeky Adventurers (2-3 years approx) and finally Great Explorers (3- 6 years). We have a large outdoor area that consists of two play areas which we utilise fully.

### Opening times

The nursery will be open Monday to Friday 07.30 to 18.00 hours. Tiny Adventures is closed on the English bank holidays. Please see below for details of the sessions:

Session	Session times	Session includes
A full day	07.30 - 18.00	Breakfast, Snacks, Drinks, lunch, snack tea.
Morning session	07.30 - 13.00	Breakfast, Snacks, Drinks, lunch.
Afternoon session	13.00 - 18.00	Snacks, Drinks, snack tea.

At Tiny Adventures we are flexible, please speak to the Nursery Manager to discuss your requirements if they do not fit into the structured times above.

### General information



We have wheelchair access, an access ramp, allocated parking spaces and accessible toilets.

There are toilet facilities for children and adults.

Here at Tiny Adventures the children will undertake numerous activities such as water and sand play, gloop and custard play, singing and story time, painting, drawing, chalking and much more. We have weekly Stretch-n-Grow lessons and we are one of Jacappella Music Centre's.

We operate a healthy eating policy. There is an illness policy in place with exclusion periods for some ailments.

### Our Philosophy



The welfare of your children is always foremost in our minds and we are very aware of how important it is that your child is properly looked after.

"Our belief is that high quality child care is essential to modern day culture. We intend to be experts in managing the needs of the children, parents and staff, delivering reasonable cost care and providing the basis upon which parents can be supported in their future child care needs."



## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

### Friendly, well trained qualified staff

The staff will ensure that children are kept safe and are supervised at all times. Our staff is friendly and approachable. All of the staff are qualified paediatric first aiders and have all undergone a Criminal Records Bureau check with the police. They wear a uniform so they can be easily identified.



### Safe and secure

The future has arrived at the nursery with our biometric door access system. A hi-tech fingerprint scanner is installed at the front door. Only selected people who have their fingerprints registered on the computer database are allowed entry, making the building as secure as it can possibly be. There is the added advantage that staff do not have to leave the children to answer the door meaning that they can concentrate on keeping children occupied and helping them achieve their Early Learning goals, even at peak transfer times. The system stores all registered fingerprints on an encrypted database, meaning that files can't be copied, giving anyone concerned about identity theft complete peace of mind.

### Large garden and sheltered free flow area

Children experience great outdoors. Our free flow is an extension to our indoor area where children can play with variety of play equipment whether rain or sun shine. We have a flower beds and vegetable patch where children can grow their own vegetable, herbs and flowers and learn all about them as they watch them grow. We have a large variety of outdoor toys and equipment and the nursery have a selection of waterproof overalls so children can experience splashing in the puddles, watching rain drops and get messy in the mud.

### What OFSTED said

Our inspection was on 14th May 2008. The overall grading was 'Good' for standards of care and education. Some comments from our report can be found below: -

"Children thrive in this interesting and stimulating environment. The programme of activities both indoors and outside, provides a balanced range of learning in all areas of development. The ease of movement and good access to all play equipment allows for freedom of choice and independence. Children's health, safety and well-being is well supported by written policies and procedures and parents are kept well informed of their children's enjoyment and development."

"Children's individual needs are met extremely well by staff who are knowledgeable about the children in their care. Close liaison with parents during the settling in time, allows staff to get to know home routines, preferences and general abilities. This ensures good continuity of care between home and nursery."

### Healthy, nutritional meals

Tiny Adventures operate a healthy eating policy and endeavour to ensure that the children receive a balanced diet while in our care. This was recognised by East Cheshire Council when the nursery was awarded 'Golden Apple Award'. Fresh foods are used to prepare the meals for the children wherever possible. Salt is never added to the cooking and we operate a low sugar policy. All food is freshly prepared on site. Tiny Adventures follow the Oral Health guidelines, because of this we do not encourage the children to eat sweets and chocolate and do not offer juice. Individual needs are catered for, including dietary requirements, religious and cultural beliefs, allergies and parents wishes.



## SAVE MONEY ON CHILDCARE

### Tax credits

Tax credits are payments from the government. If you're responsible for at least one child or young person who normally lives with you, you may qualify for Child Tax Credit. If you work, but earn low wages, you may qualify for Working Tax Credit. For more details go to [www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits).

### Childcare vouchers

Childcare vouchers are simply a different way of paying for childcare. The Government allows working parents to benefit from Income Tax and National Insurance (NI) exemptions on up to £243 per month when used to pay for registered childcare. 'Childcare vouchers' are an employer-supported benefit, so can only be accessed via an employer. Depending on personal circumstances, and based on the maximum, each employee may be able to save over £1,000 per year, so if both parents are members of childcare voucher schemes, they could double their savings! Tiny Adventures is registered with a number of child care voucher providers, please ask for details. The nursery accepts electronic and paper based childcare vouchers as payment in part or in full of the nursery fees.

### Early Years Education

The nursery is registered with OFSTED to receive grants for the education of young children. All three and four year olds in England are entitled to a minimum of 15 hours of free learning per week for 38 weeks of the year. This is delivered flexibly over a minimum of three days. For further information go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).

### 20% discount on full time place

This is one of Tiny Adventures own offers. We would like to give parents who book full time care with us one day free. We will apply a 20% discount on your invoice so the provision of full time care becomes more affordable.

### 10% sibling discount

Another offer from Tiny Adventures is for parents who have two children in our care, we will apply a further 10% discount to the fees of the youngest child.

## CHILDCARE FEES

The prices that Tiny Adventures charge for the service are as follows: -

	Full time	Full day	Half day
Fee per calendar month	£692.47*	£173.12	£115.83

\* The full time place has been discounted by 20%

These prices include meals and drinks; they do not include nappies and milk formula.

A £100.00 deposit **must** be paid when returning the application form to hold the child's place. If the place is not taken the deposit is non-refundable. This is returned once the child leaves and all outstanding invoices have been paid.

Payment is required on the **second of each month in advance** of the child care by **direct debit**. Tiny Adventures ask parents to provide the nursery with **four weeks notice period** (in writing) of any changes to hours or days of cover required. The notice period is also required if the child is to leave nursery.

