



Parent Welcome Pack

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your interest in Petteridge Poppets Childcare. My aim is to provide your family with professional care in a friendly, nurturing and stimulating environment which is safe and supportive. In my setting your child will be able to learn through play and they will follow the EYFS curriculum that will help them to progress, learn and achieve!

I believe that relationships with parents are incredibly important and I hope to build with you an understanding of your child's needs. I encourage you to share your ideas and any concerns you may have with me. This will allow us to form a partnership that will ensure your child's and family's needs are met.

This may be your child's first experience of daycare and I am sure that you will have lots of questions about what to expect. I hope that this pack will answer most of them and will help you prepare your child and yourself for the adventure that lies ahead of them.

Please remember when reading this pack that my priority is your child's happiness and safety. My aim is that you feel confident to leave your child/ren in my care; confident that they will be well looked after whilst you work. I know that this may seem like a lot of information, however I feel that this is needed so that you are able to make an informed choice.

I look forward to meeting you.

Sophie



About me

Hi there, my name is Sophie Dunmore and I am the childminder of Petteridge Poppets. Petteridge Poppets came about as I looked for a way to pair my love and experience of education and play with my growing family.

I have always known that I have wanted to work with children; whilst studying at Kingston University I began working part time at a creche and as a party planner for children. Once I graduated I began my teaching career in Oxted; teaching Year 5 and then Year 4. I then relocated and began teaching in Paddock Wood, where I stayed for 11 years. During this time I taught across every year group and I took on the role of head of music. My most recent teaching post was in EYFS, which I loved.

I live with my family in Matfield, my husband Alex works in sales and is a football coach for under 10s. We have two children, Joseph and Belle and a very friendly cat called Zinny. Our house is surrounded by apple orchards which we love to explore and we are lucky enough to have a playground within a 2 minute walk of our front door.

As a mum to an infant and a primary school child, I understand the difficulty of finding great childcare. I hope that Petteridge Poppets provides a friendly atmosphere for you and your family.

Training and Qualifications

- Primary teaching degree specialising in Art and Drama (Kingston University)
- Full Paediatric first aid- Tigerlily
- DBS Check
- Food Hygiene
- Safeguarding Children
- Understanding and working with the EYFS
- Recording children's development
- Leading and managing a Childminding setting
- Developing Children's learning



Childcare funding and fees

We are open Monday to Wednesday from 8am until 5:30pm.

We will be closed for one week over the Easter period

We will be closed for one week for May half term

We will close for three weeks in the school summer holidays

We will close for one week in October or November (half term)

We will close for two weeks for the school Christmas holiday

Hourly fee - £8

Note- contracted hours are reserved for the child and must be paid in full regardless of attendance. See Fees Policy for full information.

Please use the government website to check if you are eligible for free childcare - <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Or you can visit [Childcare choices website](#)

You will be sent an invoice towards the end of the month for the following month's payment, this will need to be paid by or on the 1st day of the month. Preferred payment is by bank transfer.

Sickness- If I am unwell then you will not be charged for the time that I am closed. If your child is unwell then you will still be charged.

Holidays- If I take a holiday then no fee will be charged as the setting will be closed. If you should take any holiday during our open hours then the full amount must still be paid. This also applies if you take your child out for a single day.

What do we do?

Every day is different at Petteridge Poppets so here are just some of the activities we will be getting up to.

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome children• Music and dancing at home• Visiting the local park• Storytime• Playing in the garden• Orchard walks• Fruit picking• Playgroups in the local area• Free play• Snack time• Lunch 11:30 (ish)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nap time• Quiet time• Storytime• Baking• Snack time• Playdoh• drawing/art time

Of course there will be special events throughout the year and we will incorporate these into our conversations, play and our activities.

These are just a few examples.

Spring	Mother's Day World book day Easter Spring flowers/animals
Summer	Father's Day Starting school
Autumn	Harvest festival Halloween Bonfire night Remembrance day
Winter	Christmas Valentines Day Pancake Day

What I provide

- Aprons for messy play
- Bibs
- Snacks
- Cups
- Plates and cutlery
- Pram/carrier
- High chair or booster seat
- Travel cot and sleeping bags
- Sleep mats
- Car seat

What you provide

Please write your child's name on all of their belongings

- Nappies or pull ups
- Nappy cream if needed
- Wet wipes
- A change of clothes to keep here in case of spills, toileting accidents,etc (a few pairs of pants if potty training) and a named bag to keep them in
- Sun hat and Sun cream
- Appropriate footwear i.e Wellington boots if raining
- Hats, gloves and scarves for colder weather
- Baby formula/breast milk and bottles
- Packed lunch (with additional snacks if you wish)
- Comfort toys/blankets/dummy
- Medication if required
- Coat/rain mac appropriate for the weather
- Anything else you think your child may require.

Dear Parents,

Please visit our website for more information -

Website- www.petteridgepoppets.co.uk



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me -

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