Little Disciples Childcare

Little Disciples Nursery Plus Statement of Purpose

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Policy Statement

At Little Disciples Childcare, we are committed to providing a seamless and cohesive approach to childcare across all our services. This policy and procedure apply equally to both our Nursery Plus provision and our Breakfast, Afterschool, and Holiday Club services. This integrated framework ensures consistent standards of care, safety, and quality across all aspects of our provision, fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for every child in our care.

Statement of Purpose

Aims and Objectives

Our vision at Little Disciples childcare is "Caring for children, supporting parents, and sparking imaginations – where quality, affordability, and excitement meet!"

The aim of Little Disciples Nursery Plus is to provide a quality Nursery Plus (Wrap Around Care) offering a range of play activities in a welcoming atmosphere.

Children for Whom Care is Provided

We operate for children who attend St John the Baptist's Nursery aged 3-4 years as stated in the Admissions Policy.

Little Disciples Nursery Plus is registered with the Care Inspectorate Wales to care for a maximum of **15** children at one time.

Little Disciples Nursery Plus offers a child-centered environment meeting the social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional needs of children and recognising the individual needs of each child who attends.

Little Disciples Nursery Plus will always adhere to a minimum of two members of paid staff within the setting and will exceed as much as possible.

By creating a setting where children feel heard, respected and involved, we nurture confident, independent learners who are deeply engaged in their play and learning.

Child-Led Approach and Children's Voice

At Little Disciples Nursery Plus, we promote a child-led approach that values children's rights, particularly Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that children have the right to express their views in all matters affecting them. Our enabling adults listen carefully to children's voices, supporting them to express their ideas, interests and feelings in ways that are meaningful to them.

Through daily observations, conversations and child-led play, we shape our environment, topics and activities around what captures children's curiosity. We always ensure that we promote the child's voice by asking their ideas and feedback on what they have enjoyed. Whether it's a shared interest in animals, transport or seasonal changes, children influence what we explore and how we explore it. Their preferences also help guide choices of play materials, enhancements to our continuous provision and planning for focused experiences.

Opening hours

Our Nursery Plus service opens at 11.25am until 3pm every day during school term-time.

Staffing – Operational and Management Plan

Staffing levels always meet the requirements set by CIW.

Staff at Little Disciples Nursery Plus

Responsible Individual	Mrs. Anna Stephens
Manager (Person in Charge)	Mr. Sam Gocher
Deputy Manager (Person in Charge)	Mrs. Eleanor Eccles
Nursery Plus Assistant (Named deputy PIC)	Miss Rebecca Caddell
Playworker	Miss Denise Hodson
Midday Supervisor	Miss Ellie Williams

Volunteers assist in the Little Disciples Childcare at various times. All staff and volunteers have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enhanced checks and where relevant checks by the Independent Safeguarding Authority and a full induction to Little Disciples Childcare.

Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)

Little Disciples Childcare is fully regulated by the CIW and parents are welcome to contact them should they have any questions, concerns, or queries. CIW can be contacted at:

Telephone: 0300 7900 126

Email: ciw@gov.wales

Welsh Government office
Sarn Mynach
Llandudno Junction
LL31 9RZ

Premises/Facilities Offered

Little Disciples Nursery Plus is based at St. John the Baptist Primary School and has the use of the Hall, Library, Foundation Phase classrooms, Junior Classrooms, and Outdoor play areas which includes the school field and forest school area. We ensure that we follow the correct legal ratios.

Each child has access to toilets that are designated for their Class. All our toilets have recently been refurbished to a high standard and there is also access to a disabled toilet.

We provide appropriate areas for a range of needs including a food preparation/dining area, designated quiet time, a large play area, and an outdoor play space. Toilet and first aid facilities are available as well as storage and administrative office space. There are a suitable number of toilets available for use by the children attending Little Disciples, and separate toilets for use by staff. (All staff use the accessible toilet on the ground floor).

Services Offered

Nursery Plus

Parents/Carers are required to book their child into Nursery plus. Once their school session has finished at 11.25am their care is then managed by Little Disciples Nursery Plus. During their time at Nursery Plus they're able to take part in activities, choose freely and access the outdoor areas to enhance their play. Nursery plus is held in the Class 1 classroom and in the school hall. We always have a minimum of two members of staff running the Nursery plus session every day. Children

attending Nursery plus will eat their lunch in the classroom where it's quiet and then they will use the Early Years' outdoor area and school yard where they can play outside until 1pm.

Food Provided

Fruit and fresh water are always accessible to the children that attend nursery plus. Children attending Nursery Plus also have the option to have a school lunch provided by NEWYDD catering at a cost of £1.40 which will be charged through the school. All food and drinks offered are in line with our healthy eating policy and meet the dietary needs and preferences of children as indicated on the child's registration form on iPal.

To ensure we maintain high levels of hygiene and ensure all staff that prepare and maintain the food hygiene records are required to complete their Food Hygiene training. This should be renewed when necessary or at least every 3 years.

Languages Used

The main language of the setting is English. Bilingual signs will be used where appropriate. We have recently achieved our 'Bronze Award' of the Welsh Promise with Clybiau Plant Cymru, and we are working towards the 'Silver award' as part of our commitment to provide 'Welsh Offer'.

Nursery Plus Routine

11.25am until 11.30	Nursery Plus staff sign the children into the setting using iPal
11.30am until 12pm	Welsh Focus/ Story time/ Wellbeing Focus & quiet time
12pm until 12.30pm	Lunchtime
12.30pm until 1pm	Outdoor Free Play
1pm until 2pm	Adult-Led activity and freely chosen play, guided by children's interests and choices, with access to enriched play environments indoors and outdoors
2pm until 2.20pm	Breaktime
2.20pm until 2.50pm	Adult-Led activity and freely chosen play, guided by children's interests and choices, with access to enriched play environments indoors and outdoors
2.50pm until 3pm	Home Time and transition to afterschool Club

Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions for using Nursery Plus are set out in our parent/club contract and setting policies and procedures. Parents/carers must sign the parents' contract before their child starts attending Nursery Plus. This contract includes arrangements for collection of fees. All policies and procedures are available for parents on their iPal account under resources and are also available on the school website or you can request policies and procedures from the manager.

Admissions policy

Little Disciples Childcare is open to any child who is attending the early education offer at St. John the Baptist School. We have a detailed admissions policy which can be found in the Parent/Carer handbook. A copy can also be obtained from the Manager or on the school website.

Contact Information

Contact name:	**Mr. Sam Gocher (Manager)**
Contact telephone number:	01244 478920
Contact address:	St John the Baptist V.A Primary School, Chester Road, Penymynydd, Flintshire,
Post code:	CH4 0EN
Email address:	littledisciples2015@outlook.com

This address should be used for all written correspondence to the business, including any correspondence to the management committee and/or the Responsible Individual.

Arrangements for complaints and concerns

We welcome suggestions and constructive criticism from parents/carers and children to help us maintain a high-quality provision. Please speak with the manager if you would like to make any suggestions. However, from time to time a parent/carer or child may find it necessary to follow the complaints procedures, copies of which can be found on iPal or a copy can be obtained from the manager.

Arrangements for dealing with an emergency.

Little Disciples has comprehensive emergency procedures. Details can be found in the parent handbook or can be obtained from the manager.

This Statement of Purpose and all policies and procedures are reviewed and updated as necessary and/or in line with any changes in regulation and at least annually. Any changes to the service are notified to CIW. Little Disciples Childcare notifies parents/carers of any changes to the Club's policies and procedures.