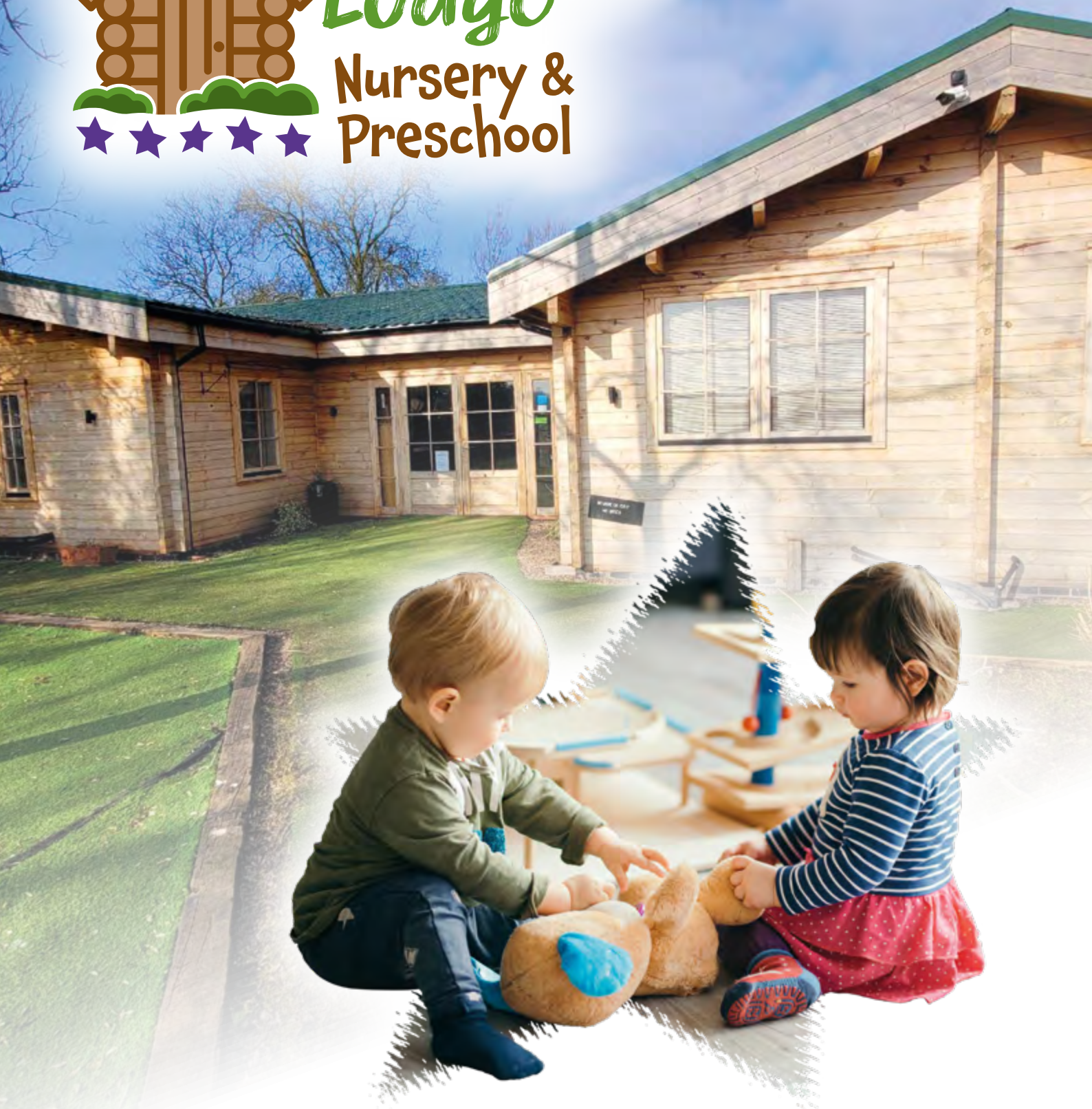




# Evergreen Lodge

Nursery &  
Preschool



Nurturing natural curiosity in early years





A comfortable, homely  
setting within beautiful,  
natural surroundings helping  
to nurture natural curiosity  
in early years

For 0-5 years



# The Lodge...

Situated in the picturesque village of Snarestone, on the edge of the National Forest and approx 3 miles from Junction 11 of the M42/A42, Evergreen Lodge Nursery and Preschool is situated in a tranquil, rural setting which is just perfect for introducing inquisitive minds to the beauty of natural surroundings

The setting was founded in 2023 by sisters Charlotte Saunders and Rachel Bird who had a lifelong dream to combine their individual experiences within different fields and create a new childcare venture within the village they both spent a happy childhood. With lots of memories of the untouched countryside and open fields, they thought it was the perfect opportunity to introduce a fresh, new childcare provision to an area they were already familiar and had shared many exciting adventures. They were inspired to increase the provision of early years care within the local area, and visioned the opportunity to include care focussing around the curiosity approach to enhance learning development.

Our lovely, spacious timber lodge is registered to accommodate 57 children aged between 3 months to 5 years, across 3 bright, stimulating rooms - baby, toddler and preschool. Each room is well equipped with a wide range of toys and other educational learning resources (most of which are made with natural materials), varied role-play areas and open-ended resources, encouraging children to develop their imagination as well as building confidence, social skills and curiosity.

Whilst we encourage lots of interaction with the outdoor area, such as the surrounding fields, woodland, our allotment and our Bus of Imagination to enhance physical development, we also have the luxury of a home from home environment, which offers natural light, spacious rooms and warmth. There are a number of areas set up and equipped to help the children feel at home, relaxed, comfortable and safe.



Charlotte  
General Manager



Rachel  
Business Manager



# Opening Hours

We are open from 07:30-18:00 Monday-Friday (except for Bank Holidays). We will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

**Our regular session times are as follows:**

<b>Full Day:</b>	<b>07:30 - 18:00</b>
<b>Morning Session:</b>	<b>08:00 - 13:00</b>
<b>Afternoon Session:</b>	<b>13:00 - 18:00</b>
<b>School hours:</b>	<b>09:00 - 15:00</b>

We understand how difficult it is for working parents to fit childcare around their shifts. We are happy to discuss shift patterns and will accommodate if possible.

We accept Tax Free Childcare and Government Funded Hours.



“ I first met Charlotte when she showed me around my nursery with my 3-year-old son. From our first meeting it was clear to me that she was the right person to leave my son in the care of. She was warm and caring, but also extremely organised and professional. As we got to know Charlotte, I was forever impressed with her creativity when thinking of activities for the children. They never seemed to do the same thing twice, and boredom was never an issue!”



“ I also know Rachel through her capacity as Vice Chairman of a junior football club, as well as being a welfare officer. Week in, week out she single-handedly coordinates large numbers of young children, coaches and parents to enable the children to grow in a safe and happy sporting environment. It helps that the children love her!”





# ★ Aim and core values

Charlotte has worked in the childcare profession for over 20 years and fully understands what is required to help build a thriving childcare setting. These are our aims:

## ★ Parent Partnership

### Reassurance

We understand it's a nerve-racking experience starting your child in nursery and offer a gentle and sensitive settling in process for our children. The children are grouped with children of the same age and allowed the freedom to play and interact as they choose. We operate an open-door policy, where parents can call in at their own convenience. We are also happy to take calls and will answer emails as quickly as possible

### Communication

Each child is assigned a key person who has the extra special responsibility for helping your baby or child to feel safe, secure and confident in their environment and have that extra bond to enable them to thrive during their time with us.

Key people will be available to update you regarding your child's day at collection time. This will also be logged on our online Management system which is a great tool to keep you informed of your child's milestones, areas of learning and progression as well as an opportunity to see lots of photos taken during their busy day.

We will also extend parent involvement and will offer:

- ★ Parent partnership meetings
- ★ Stay and play sessions
- ★ Open days
- ★ Themed gatherings / festivals
- ★ Newsletters
- ★ Parent questionnaires
- ★ Charity fundraisers



## ★ Confident, approachable staff members

Before commencing employment, all staff (including those in administrative and catering roles) have an Enhanced Disclosed and Barring Services check and two satisfactory references are obtained. Further relevant information is requested to be disclosed at point of application.

All members of staff have safeguarding training and will hold all appropriate qualifications in line with their role.

Each room is adequately supervised by appropriately trained and qualified staff members and adhere to the child ratios for each age in each room.

We support and encourage additional training to enable all staff to further develop their skills and knowledge. We aim to ensure our team feel valued in their role and share our passion and enthusiasm.

Teamwork is essential within our setting and we believe all our children should experience and learn from the unity of a strong team who support and empower each other.

# ★ Learning and Developing ... "Our Vision"



To enable a high level of learning outcomes for the children, our team will follow the EYFS Development Matters to ensure the child's educational development is priority. We offer a varied range of activities centred around the individual child's targets and interests.

We incorporate "in the moment" planning and use this to engage children and encourage them to extend their imagination and relate to experiences. We are particularly interested in "The Curiosity Approach" which describes itself as "a beautiful recipe book of wonderful ingredients carefully mixed together with experience, passion and the love of early childhood". Children learn through play with everyday items to develop their own natural curiosity and eagerness to explore and create. This encourages the children to create their own toys to play with whilst also learning about the world around them.

## ★ Our Values

At Evergreen Lodge Nursery and Preschool, we implement our five main values into every day and are our main consideration around all involved, i.e., children, staff, parents family members and visitors.

### Our core values are:

- ★ **Respect** - we encourage all involved in our setting to be accepting of others and to recognise and appreciate the rights, beliefs, practices and differences of individuals.
- ★ **Teamwork** - Sharing inspiration, ambition, enthusiasm and passion throughout Early Years is key to success.
- ★ **Communication / Parent Partnership** - We will develop a strong connection with our parents / carers in order to create and build strong, nurturing relationships.
- ★ **Enabling, Safe Environment** - Our space has been thoughtfully designed to provide the best opportunities around development to enable learning to be challenged and extended through play and enjoyment.
- ★ **Happiness and Wellbeing** - We aim to develop resilience, confidence and independence within all areas of learning and leading. Kindness and compassion towards others at all times is key to a happy, successful, healthy environment.



## ★ Uniform

We offer polo shirts and zip up jackets for children with our Evergreen Lodge logo.

Polo - £7.00 each

Zip up jacket - £20.00 each

*Please ask for a sizing guide when purchasing your uniform.*



# Catering

We strongly believe that healthy eating in the early years supports a lifelong healthy lifestyle and fosters a positive attitude to food as we grow. Our 4 weekly rotating menus are updated regularly to ensure plenty of variety and provide a healthy balanced diet to our children.

Before your child starts with us, you will be asked to complete an "All About Me" form. This will focus on your child's individual needs, including dietary requirements and any allergies they might have. We consider this information to be very important and will always be referred to when preparing and providing their meals.

## Spring / Summer sample menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b>	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit
<b>Snack</b>	Rice cakes, grapes and apples	Breadsticks and banana pieces	Selection of fruit and natural yoghurt	Multigrain crackers with sunflower spread	Cheese straws with hummus dip and vegetables
<b>Lunch</b>	Chicken curry, rice, naan bread	Chicken and leek pie with vegetables	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with peas and sweetcorn	Pork stir fry with noodles	Fish pie and peas
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetarian curry, rice, naan bread	Cheese and leek pie with vegetables	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with peas and sweetcorn	Vegetable stir fry with noodles	Vegetable wellington and vegetables
<b>Dessert</b>	Pineapple chunks and custard	Fruit crumble with custard	Banana split	Fromage Frais	Fruit scone
<b>Tea</b>	Assorted wrap and salad	Homemade pizza with toppings	Spaghetti on toast	Tomato and red pepper soup with bread	Hot jacket potato with beans and cheese

## Autumn / Winter sample menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b>	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit	Cereals and toast served with fresh fruit juice or a choice of fresh fruit
<b>Snack</b>	Soft cheese and a selection of vegetables	Breadsticks and banana pieces	Pitta bread fingers with cucumber sticks	French toast with sunflower spread	Oatcakes and soft cheese
<b>Lunch</b>	Chicken korma with brown rice	Salmon and broccoli pasta bake	Chilli con carne with tortilla chips	Spaghetti carbonara with peas and sweetcorn	Tuna pasta bake with sweetcorn
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetable korma with brown rice	Cheese and broccoli pasta bake	Hot tomato and cheese pasta	Vegetable carbonara with peas and sweetcorn	Macaroni cheese with spinach
<b>Dessert</b>	Banana and grapes	Raspberry muffin	Jam tart	Fruit scone	Chocolate sponge pudding
<b>Tea</b>	Leek and potato soup with bread	Hot jacket potato with beans and cheese	Homemade pizza with toppings	Spaghetti on toast	Tuna melt baguette







## ★ Contact us

**If you have any further questions or would like to arrange to view the nursery and preschool then please get in touch.**

We look forward to welcoming you to Evergreen Lodge Nursery and Preschool to answer any questions you might have and showing you first-hand how we can work with you to play an important role in your child's early years learning experiences.

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