

The Pumpkin Patch Nursery School

Where little pumpkins come to grow

MEET THE STAFF



Suzanne is the Nursery Manager and Proprietor. She holds a BA in Education, PGCE and holds the NNEB qualification. Suzanne has worked for 25 years in both nurseries and schools. Before opening 'The Pumpkin Patch' she was Assistant Head teacher of a large Salford primary school. Suzanne enjoys travelling with her husband and 3 teenage children.



Laura qualified from Bury College in 2000 with a Diploma in Nursery Nursing. Laura has worked in four other nurseries in the Greater Manchester area in roles including Unit Supervisor, Deputy Manager and Nursery Manager. She is Deputy Manager and Room Leader of the Snack A Jacks and in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, camping and going to the theatre.



Nikki has a Level 2 AVCE and Level 3 NVQ in Childcare and has worked with children for over ten years in a range of settings including Nurseries and Summer Play schemes. She is based in the Baby Boo's room and in her spare time enjoys snowboarding, appreciating fine art and walking her German Husky, Max.



Paige is a Level 3 Playworker and is currently training for her Level 3 in Childcare. Since the age of 16 Paige has worked in a variety of settings including nurseries, playgroups, holiday clubs and schools. She has a keen interest in photography and is hoping to go up to Level 5 in Childcare, incorporating Special Educational Needs.



Rachel works in the Baby Bears room and holds an NVQ Level 3 in Childcare. She has been working with children for over 16 years, working up from a Nursery Assistant to a Manager, even running her own Playgroup. In her spare time she enjoys sampling local cuisine, going to the cinema and spending time with her 7 year old son, Luke.



Jody is based in the Baby Bears room. She is also an Apprentice studying towards her Level 3 in Childcare. When not at work she enjoys dining out with friends, baking and walking her dog.



Danielle is based in the Baby Boo's room and holds a Diploma in Childcare and Education, Level 3. She has worked with children for eight years in three nurseries in the Bury area. Danielle has an interest in History and enjoys spending time with her family including her four year old son, Noah.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday Monday: As usual Nursery will be closed for the Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 26th May

Half Term: For those that receive funded hours the Half Term break begins after the Bank Holiday, on Tuesday 25th May until Friday 29th May. Funded places will finish for Half Term from Friday 22nd May and resume back at Nursery on Monday 1st June.

Wednesday 17th June

Professional Photographer: NJM Photography will be visiting the Nursery to take pictures of all the children against a professional background. These will make beautiful images which can then be viewed online (with the use of a secure, personal username and password) or via hard copy. Nicola offers various packages which can then be purchased, please feel free to visit her website www.njmphotography.co.uk to view your options. All children are welcome to attend the sitting, in stages, starting from 8am. If your child does not usually attend nursery on Wednesday then please consult a member of staff to arrange a timeslot to attend.

Saturday 4th July

Millie's Trust Fundraiser: On Saturday 4th July the Pumpkin Patch Nursery School will host a grand event with the aim of raising as much money as possible for Millie's Trust. With a tombola raffle, face painting, stalls and plenty to keep the little ones entertained we hope you'll join us for this great cause, open to all. Please bring friends and family, everyone is welcome. For updates please follow the event on the Nursery Facebook page – www.facebook.com/PPNSchool.

Friday 17th July

Summer Holidays: From Friday 17th July the Summer Holidays start, so all funded places will effectively finish, returning to Nursery after the Summer on Tuesday 1st September. It's a very long gap so please be flexible when collecting children on that first week of September – they may be unsettled again and require an early collection. We thank you for your understanding.

Monday 31st August

Bank Holiday Monday: As usual Nursery will be closed to the remaining un-funded children for the Bank Holiday.

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Are proud to host



Millie's Trust[®]

Fundraiser

And Nursery Open Day

Raffle & Prizes



Come and join us for a day of
fun and laughter to help
raise money for a fantastic
charity

Craft Market Stalls



**Bouncy
Castle**



**4 July 2015
11:00-15:00**

DJ & Music



Lots of things to do, market
stalls to browse and
refreshments

Face Painting



**Special Guest Appearances
& Children's Characters**

Arts & Crafts



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Notices

- Take a look at our new **Facebook** page www.facebook.com/PPNSchool. Please give it a like and feel free to share it. It's full of useful information about upcoming events, updates, photographs and our new promotional video is up there too. We think the page is a much faster and more efficient way for us to communicate some information to Parents/Carers and we hope you feel the same.
- Please refrain from bringing items in **plastic carrier bags**. All nappies etc. should be in a small bag which can be hung on the pegs out of the way. It goes without saying that plastic bags are a choking hazard and are very unsafe to have around small children. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Just a friendly reminder that the **session times** are as follows; **AM 7:30am-12:30pm // PM 1:00pm-6pm**.
These times must be **strictly** adhered to so we are in line with Government ratios. Unfortunately if children are dropped off early/picked up late there will either be a charge or you will be asked to wait until your session time starts. This is with immediate effect and all fines must be paid the week of issue. Also please bear in mind that the session time ends at 18:00. For this reason we ask all parents/carers are in the building to **collect children by 5:45pm**, in order to allow some time to hand over important information about their day.
- With the sunny weather approaching please remember to include **sun cream and sun hats** in bags. I'm afraid flip flops are not deemed suitable footwear for children at Nursery.
- There is a **pram store** located towards the Lecture Theatre/Kitchen, just past the Gentleman's Toilets. Please ensure all prams and bikes etc. are moved to this store in order to keep the hallways clear of fire hazards. Thank you.
- Nursery is the perfect opportunity for children to take part in exciting messy/wet activities with friends. We always wear aprons to avoid stains etc. as much as possible, but sometimes we have too much fun and need a change of clothes. We do not have spare clothes at Nursery so please can you provide at least one, **full change of clothes** in a bag (not a plastic bag please, for safety reasons) and make sure anything used is replaced daily. This also applies to younger children who may require frequent changes of some items e.g. dribble bibs/spare tops during teething etc.
- If **extra days** are required and it has been discussed that there is room on that day, then full payment of that extra day is required in advance please in order to confirm. No place will be reserved without full payment in advance.
- During Half Term and Summer Holidays the Nursery hosts a **Holiday Club** for any children aged 5-11 at the rate of £22 per day. Breakfast and Tea is included but a packed lunch must be provided please. There is a 10% discount if siblings attend too. If you would like further information then please get in touch with Suzanne on 0161 951 7840.

Thank you.