

Childcare options for LSHTM students

The School does not have its own childcare provision, but below is some information about different types of childcare in the UK and some nursery options near to LSHTM.

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Types of Childcare

Day Nurseries:

For children under five years. Opening hours can be from 7am to 7pm, though this varies. Your child can attend full or part time.

Nursery schools and classes:

These are classes for children aged between three and five years old and are attached to a primary or infants school. The classes are run and managed as part of the school, but pupils attending them are not on the roll of the main school. Open during school hours usually 9am to 3.30pm offering full or half-day sessions. Some offer out of school and holiday care.

To search for **Day Nurseries** or **Nursery schools** near your home or near the school, you should go to the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/find-nursery-school-place>. LSHTM's postcode is WC1E 7HT.

Childminders:

Childminders look after children on domestic premises usually in the childminder's own home. They are registered with Ofsted (a UK regulatory body) and are inspected every year. Childminders can often be flexible about the hours that they work and they should provide your child with lots of care, fun and learning. For more information about Childminders, visit the following website:

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/childminders/>

Nannies

Generally take care of the child in his or her own home. Nannies do not have to live with the family whose child they look after. Some families opt for a nanny-share whereby the nanny takes care of 2 (usually not more than 2) children from different families. Nannies, like childminders, should be registered with Ofsted. You will need to consider what sort of contract you enter with a nanny. Also, you should be aware that you are technically the employer of the nanny and may therefore be liable to pay tax and national insurance from their wages – for more info see:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/working/emp-in-home.htm>. There are several agencies who will organise contractual, wage and tax issues if you decide to employ a nanny.

Finding a nanny, childminder or babysitter: there are many on-line resources, one useful one is www.findababysitter.com (there is a charge to register with this site).

Free part-time early education:

All three and four-year-olds are entitled to a free part-time early education place up to a maximum of 570 hours for each child in each 12 month period from the date the child becomes eligible. This means your child will be eligible for five three hour sessions of free early education a week for 38 weeks a year. For more information, follow the information at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs>

Schools: If you are an international student, more information about eligibility and finding a school place can be found on the UKCISA website at the following link:

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Dependants#layer-5189>

Nurseries near LSHTM

UNIVERSITY BASED NURSERIES

University College London (UCL) Nursery:

50 – 51 Gordon Square and 59 Gordon Square (formerly IoE Nursery), London WC1H 0PQ Tel: 020 7679 7461 or email: nursery@ucl.ac.uk. Priority to students and staff of UCL and Institute of Education (IoE) students but other University of London students considered if places available. Visit the website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/estates/news/a-z-services/nursery-services>

London School Of Economics (LSE) Nursery:

8a Wild Street, London WC2B 5TB. Tel: 020 7107 5966 or email: Nursery@lse.ac.uk
Priority to students and staff of LSE. Visit the website: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/nursery/>

LOCAL DAY NURSERIES

Coram Fields Community Nursery:

93 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1DN. Tel: 020 7833 0198 or email: carole@coramfields.org.uk.
26 places for 2-5 year olds. Must be London Borough of Camden resident. Open 8am – 6pm. Visit the website: <http://www.coramfields.org/?q=community-nursery>

Thomas Coram Early Childhood Centre:

49 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2NY. Tel: 020-7520 0385 or email: admin@thomascoram.camden.sch.uk. Places for 106 children aged 6 months to 5 years. Must be Camden resident, although there are a few full-cost places for non-residents. Open 8am – 5:30pm. Visit the website: <http://www.thomascoram.camden.sch.uk/>

Collingham Gardens Nursery:

Henrietta Mews, off Wakefield Street, London WC1N 1PH.
Tel: 020-7837 3423 or email: cgnursery@btconnect.com. 24 places for children aged 2 to 5 years. Must live in London Borough of Camden. Open 9am – 5pm. Visit the website: <http://collinghamgardensnursery.com/>

Konstam Children's Centre:

75 Chester Road London N19 5DH
020-7272 3594. 69 places for children between 4months – 5years. After school service up to 7 years. Parents need to be resident in Camden (unless there is no waiting list in which case studying full time in Borough of Camden is fine). For further information please visit Camden's website: www.camden.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Hampden Children's Centre:

80 Polygon Road, London NW1 1HQ.
020-7387 1822. 69 places for children aged 4 months - 5 years. Must be Camden resident though there may be a few places for non-residents. For further information please visit Camden's website: www.camden.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Regents Park Children's Centre:

Augustus St, London NW1 3TJ. Tel: 020-7387 2382.
70 places for children aged 6 months - 5 years. (9 baby places for children 6m- 2years, 12 toddler places for children aged 2 – 3years, 49 places for children aged 3 – 5 years). For further information please visit Camden's website: www.camden.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Other Sources Of Information – The website www.childcare.co.uk gives useful guidance in types of childcare. You can also search for childcare providers, including child-minders.

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