Welcome
A new chapter for your child

At Loughborough Nursery, we provide the highest quality care for children from 6 weeks to 4 years.

I am proud that we enable our children to explore their surroundings and grow into happy confident young people. Our established, passionate and highly qualified staff team, help children to develop their potential by creating an environment that is suited to their individual needs and interests. Whether a child is more suited towards learning in an outdoor environment or is more engaged through creative play, our extensive resources and facilities allow us to cater for all children and their families. As the Nursery Manager, it is an absolute privilege to watch the wonderful children at Loughborough Nursery develop their personality, character and intellect day by day as they learn new things.

We feel that creating a strong and positive partnership with parents is vital in supporting children's development and we always nurture an open dialogue with all of our parents. It is our mission to support you in your role as the first and most important educator of your children. This is why at Loughborough Nursery we involve you in your child's learning and invite you to share your ideas and feedback with us.

We understand that choosing a Nursery that is both right for you and your child is an important decision for parents to make. I would be delighted to welcome you for a tour of our marvellous facilities and show you how we can meet the needs of you and your family.

Carla Brindley, Nursery Manager
Educational journey

- **LOUGHBOROUGH Nursery**
  - Girls & Boys
  - 6 weeks - 4 years

- **FAIRFIELD Prep School**
  - Girls & Boys
  - 3 years - 11 years

- **LOUGHBOROUGH Amherst School**
  - Girls & Boys
  - 4 years - 18 years

- **LOUGHBOROUGH Grammar School**
  - Boys
  - 10 years - 18 years

- **LOUGHBOROUGH High School**
  - Girls
  - 11 years - 18 years

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THE LOUGHBOROUGH Schools Foundation
About Loughborough Schools Foundation

The Loughborough Schools Foundation is a charitable Foundation comprising four Independent Schools and a Nursery. Over 600 colleagues are employed in teaching and non-teaching roles.

The Foundation commits around 5% of its total income for the provision of Foundation bursaries and scholarships at the Senior Schools. Donors of the schools provide additional financial support through The Burton Bursaries.

An extensive transport system of 17 school bus routes operates for pupils across all parts of the East Midlands including Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Campus: The Schools are based on two neighbouring campuses on the south side of Loughborough – Burton Walks (42 acres) and Gray Street (10 acres). Loughborough Grammar School’s playing fields are situated a mile away in Quorn, with 40 acres of sports facilities on a 70 acre site. Significant recent investment has been made in a state-of-the-art science park at Loughborough Grammar School and the dedicated Music department for all Loughborough Schools Foundation pupils. In 2016, Fairfield Prep School opened its very impressive new Pre-Prep building, which includes a Kindergarten for children aged 3+, whilst at the campus at Loughborough Amherst School, Loughborough Nursery has opened for children from 6 weeks to 4 years old.

Boarding: Loughborough Grammar School has a long and proud tradition of boarding with two Boarding Houses which accommodate a close-knit community of Boarders. Our Boarders enjoy a rich daily life and as a small community within an extensive campus, they are treated as individuals while benefiting from the opportunity to take advantage of the vast resources available on campus.

Single Sex & Co-Ed Options at Senior School: Collectively, Loughborough Schools Foundation is pleased to offer parents across the East Midlands a unique opportunity for those choosing an independent education. From the age of just 6 weeks in our 51 weeks a year Nursery, all the way to exam success at 18, a child and siblings are able to complete their whole educational journey on a beautiful, happy and richly multi-cultural family campus.

We are able to offer a choice of both single-sex and co-educational senior schooling to suit pupil and parental preferences and with four schools sharing a campus, we are able to invest in wonderful facilities that a single school would find hard to match at comparable fee levels. Our curriculum choice, transport network, Music department with ‘All-Steinway School’ status, STEM teaching, sports provision, extra-curricular opportunities, immaculate grounds, joint school activities such as Drama, CCF, Debating and social events are just some examples of this.

The Loughburians is the Alumni Association for Loughborough Schools Foundation. Pupils become Loughburians on entry to School and participation in this community continues throughout their lifetime. Loughburians benefit from receiving publications and news, and can attend the events and reunions organised by the association.

Our Alumni demonstrate their ongoing affection and engagement with their Schools by offering their time and expertise in such areas as career advice, mentoring and opening up opportunities outside the classroom.

To gain an insight into the association’s activities and details of former pupils’ achievements, please visit www.loughburians.com
Our landmark history
**Loughborough Grammar School** is one of the country’s oldest boys schools. After Thomas Burton, a prosperous local wool merchant, bequeathed his estate to priests in Loughborough, they founded the School in 1495. Originally housed in the town’s Parish Church, the School moved to its present location in 1852 and these buildings were Grade II listed in the 1980s. The School celebrated its 500th anniversary in 1995, when HM Queen Elizabeth II opened the new English block, the “Queen’s Building”. Classroom facilities have been significantly enhanced in the last decade by the construction of a state-of-the-art Science Park.

**Loughborough High School** was founded in 1850 and is believed to be one of the country’s oldest grammar schools for girls. When Loughborough Grammar School moved in 1852, it had become more socially acceptable to educate women and so the Foundation was extended to include girls and Loughborough High School. It moved to its current site in 1869. The buildings include 19th Century school buildings, converted houses and later additions from the 1960s onwards. In 2010, the science building was refurbished and extended with four new laboratories. The School celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2000 with a visit by HRH The Princess Royal.

Originally founded in 1929 as part of Loughborough High School, **Fairfield Prep School** became an autonomous school within the Foundation in 1969. The School’s oldest building, Fairfield House, known as the White House, was built in 1823 by a family of influential hosiery manufacturers and later bequeathed to the School. In 2016, impressive new classrooms and performance facilities were opened which has provided extra space from which all pupils are now benefiting.

In 1841, Lady Mary Arundell opened a small girls’ school in Paget House, Loughborough and persuaded Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1798–1855) to send religious sisters from Italy to set up a convent. In 1843, Sister Mary Francesca Parea and Sister Mary Anastasia Somonini took over and Our Lady’s Convent School opened in 1850 with the beautiful Convent building and Chapel at its core (designed by Charles Hanson who was influenced by Augustus Pugin). In 2015, the School joined the Foundation and in 2016, **Loughborough Nursery** was opened on the Convent campus. In 2018, the School rebranded to **Loughborough Amherst School** and is set to become co-educational from 4 - 18 years in 2019.

In 2006, the building housing **Loughborough Schools Music** was opened to serve the musical needs of all pupils’ across all four Schools, from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form.
Here for you
Loughborough Nursery is conveniently situated next to Loughborough Amherst School, in the centre of town.

Morning sessions run from 07:30 to 12:30 and include breakfast, snack and lunch. Afternoon sessions start at 13:00 and run until 18:00 and include afternoon snack and tea. A full day is from 07:30 to 18:00 and includes all meals and snacks. Places are classified as either full or part-time and a full-time place is where children attend for five full days.

All dietary requirements are catered for and meals are prepared fresh daily by our experienced Nursery Chef. The children enjoy their meals in the separate Dining Area and go up to the counter to select their food.

All meals and nappies are conveniently incorporated into our daily rate, including your child’s preferred formula milk, if used, up to their first birthday.

Just wanted to say thank you so much for helping our son to settle in. He has gained confidence already and he’s only been with you for two weeks.
Space to grow and explore

Our rooms are large, light and airy and each one opens onto a secure outside play area where the children have the space to explore and learn in the fresh air.
We provide a safe, warm, welcoming and friendly environment here at Loughborough Nursery where parents can confidently leave their children secure in the knowledge that they will be looked after and nurtured by a hand-picked team of childcare specialists.

On joining us, your child will be assigned a key person who will work closely with them to promote their development and who is also the key point of contact for you.

Children are accommodated according to their development stage. There are four settings and as a guideline the following ages broadly apply to each room:

- **Developers**: 6 weeks to 15 months
- **Investigators**: 15 to 24 months
- **Pathfinders**: 2 to 3 years
- **Pioneers**: 3 to 4 years

Joining the Loughborough Nursery was definitely the best decision we’ve made for our daughter. We can’t rate it highly enough. It’s a great feeling for us as parents to see her so happy.
A typical day

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone involved in our daughter's care to date.
During a typical day, children spend their time in our exciting and stimulating environment including the outside play area and the grounds of Loughborough Amherst School.

Activities may include messy play, music and movement, construction, PE and song and story time. Your child’s day is planned around their individual needs and interests and at the end of each day, you will receive in-depth feedback from your child’s key person.
A learning journey

Our son has settled so nicely and is so excited to tell us what he's been doing at the end of the day. Thank you for being so friendly and also for leading such a lovely nursery.
Each stage and milestone that your child achieves will be recorded in their personal Learning Journey. This will be available for you to look at and review with your child’s key person. By the time that your child reaches 4 years old, they are getting ready to carve out their path in the world of Primary school and we will help them to prepare ready to embrace the excitement of learning in a new environment, whether this is within the Loughborough Schools Foundation or another independent or state provider.
LEGAL DISCLAIMER

The prospectus and further information booklets describe the broad principles on which the Nursery is presently run. Although believed to be correct at the time of printing, the prospectus or further information booklets are not part of any agreement between parents and Loughborough Schools Foundation. Parents wishing to place specific reliance on matters given in the prospectus or further information booklets should seek written confirmation of that statement before accepting the offer of a place.

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