

MEET THE TEAM

AT LITTLE TOTS STONEY HEATH

Julie Torrible

Owner and Co-Director

Julie is the Co-Director of all three Little Tots Nurseries. She and her business partner Heather Schofield opened the first Little Tots in Burghfield 16 years ago. Julie is a qualified Montessori Teacher and a qualified Forest School Leader. Additionally, Julie is a trained children's Starchild Yoga instructor and has a great deal of experience as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Julie is also a first aider and a Child Protection Officer.



Heather Schofield

Owner and Co-Director

Heather is Julie's business partner & Co Director of all three Little Tots Nurseries. She is based at the Reading nursery. Heather is a qualified NNEB & Forest School Leader as well as holding a Level 2 in Montessori Teaching Practices. Through Reading Borough Council Heather is a trainer for Safeguarding and designated Safeguarding Officer, she is also a Behaviour Ambassador, First Aider, Child Protection and Health & Safety Officer.



Nina Fortuna

Senior Operational Manager

Nina joined us in 2003. Nina has worked as a Nursery Manager at both our Burghfield and Stoney Heath nurseries. In 2018, Nina was promoted to Senior Operational Manager for all three nurseries. She is a qualified Montessori Teacher who has also recently completed her Degree in Children's Development and Learning. Additionally, Nina has acquired Early Years Professional Status and is a first aider. Nina is also a Health and Safety Officer as well as joint Child Protection Officer.



Lisa Harrison-Evans

Office Manager

Lisa joined Little Tots in 2009. Lisa has a wealth of experience working in administration. Lisa's role is to manage the children's database and bookings, Iconnect, ParentZone, website, HR and maintain all the general admin within the nurseries. Lisa works Monday to Friday and is based at our Reading branch, but works from Stoney Heath on a Tuesday afternoon.



Paul Lewis

Finance Manager

Paul joined Little Tots in 2011. Paul is CIMA qualified (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants). Paul is based in our Reading nursery on a Monday and Wednesday and works from home on other days. Paul manages the children's invoicing and all finance issues for the nurseries.



Naomi Brown

Nursery Manager

Naomi has been in the childcare industry for 9 years and became Nursery Manager of Little Tots Stoney Heath in November 2017. She has a good understanding of the Montessori Philosophy and began her Montessori training in April 2018. Naomi is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the nursery. Additionally, Naomi fulfils the role of the SENCO after having lots of experience in this area and acquiring her NVQ in Understanding Autism in 2017. Naomi is also a Makaton leader. Like Julie, Naomi has also completed a yoga course for children. She is a qualified fire marshal and supports Nikki in her Health and Safety role.



Lianne Gilbert

Deputy Manager

Lianne started working for Little Tots as an apprentice 5 years ago. Lianne is a qualified NVQ 3 in Childcare and was promoted to the role of deputy manager in 2017. Lianne is also a first aider. Lianne started her Montessori training in February 2017. Lianne is also a qualified Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Jodie Green

Third in Charge

Jodie began working for Little Tots in September 2016. Jodie has worked within nurseries for eight years and has achieved her NVQ levels 2 and 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development. Jodie also has a NVQ level 3 in Playwork meaning that she can run holiday clubs and work with older children. Jodie holds a first aid qualification and is currently completing her Forest School leader training. Jodie was promoted to the role of third in charge at the end of 2017. Jodie is also a qualified Designated Safeguarding Lead



Madeline Holmes

Teacher

Madeline joined us in Spring 2018 after working for many years in primary school education. Madeline has a NVQ Level 3 Childcare & Education as well as holding a BA (Hons) Degree with QTS in Primary Education with Children's Learning & Development. Her previous roles have included an Outdoor Learning Coordinator and Art Coordinator within a primary school setting, High Level Teaching Assistant and Classroom teaching assistant.



Kirsty Allen

Nursery Practitioner

Kirsty has worked for Little Tots for 10 years and returned from maternity leave in April 2018. Kirsty has a NVQ Level 3 in Childcare.



Kerrie Lisle-Fenwick

Nursery Practitioner

Kerrie started at the nursery in February 2018. She has completed a degree in childhood studies and has over 5 years experience in the childcare industry. Kerrie also holds a qualification in Paediatric first aid.



Pauline Thurley

Nursery Practitioner

Pauline started here at Little Tots Stoney Heath in January 2018. Pauline has over 12 years experience in childcare and also holds her certificate in paediatric first aid.



Emma Coyne

Nursery Assistant

Emma is the youngest member of the team, but a budding practitioner. Emma has been with Little Tots since 2015 and is currently completing her NVQ level 3 in Childcare. Emma is paediatric first aid trained and is our Events Co-ordinator at Stoney Heath.



Fiona Cox

Nursery Assistant

Fiona joined us in the summer of 2017 after working at a Primary School as a Teaching Assistant. Fiona is keen to complete her NVQ level 3 in childcare and is also paediatric first aid trained.



Stefania Pavlinova

Nursery Assistant

Stef started at Little Tots Stoney Heath in January 2018 after volunteering with the company throughout December. Stef is also a Nanny, so works part time at Little Tots Stoney Heath.



Nikki Cowdrey

Nursery Apprentice

Nikki joined us in September 2016 as an apprentice. She already has a degree in Drama and English, with experience of running drama groups for children. She is currently working towards her NVQ level 3 in Childcare. Nikki is also a first aider. Nikki is our designated Health and Safety Officer.



Michelle Sheridan

Lunchtime Assistant

Michelle started working with us in September 2016, bringing the hot food from Reading and helping us over the busy lunch hour.



Karen Memish

Nursery Assistant

Karen is one of our members of bank staff and helps out when needed, particularly on forest school days and during the holidays.

