

MEET THE TEAM

AT LITTLE TOTS READING

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.



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. Julie is based at our Stoney Heath Nursery.



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 with a Degree in Children's Development and Learning. An 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, as well as support the nursery managers. Lisa works Monday to Friday and is based at our Reading branch.



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.



Sharon Martin

Nursery Manager

Sharon joined Little Tots in 2018. She has a Foundation Degree in Early Years, as well as a Level 5 in Leadership and Management. She also has a Level 3 in Forest School, is First Aid trained and has a Level 4 in Safeguarding. She has a wealth of experience in managing nurseries.



Julie Vincent

Nursery Deputy Manager

Julie joined Little Tots in 2014 as a Nursery Nurse. Julie has worked for many years within the childcare sector. She has a NVQ Level 3 in Playwork & Creche Management, a Level 3 in Support Teaching & Learning as well as being a First Aider.



Amena Begum

Nursery Deputy Manager

Amena joined Little Tots in 2018. She holds a NVQ Level 3 in Childcare. Amena has worked in nurseries for many years and has a lot of experience in management. She is First Aid trained.



Colette Asher

Montessori Teacher

Colette joined Little Tots in 2007. Colette has a wealth of knowledge in Early Years and Montessori. She is a qualified Montessori Teacher and SENCO. She holds a Montessori Diploma as well as First Aid and Universal Safeguarding.



Laura Mortimer

Lead SENCO & Mentor

Laura joined Little Tots in 2008 as a Senior Nursery Nurse. Laura has many years' experience and a passion of working with children who have Special Needs. Laura has a National Diploma in Childcare, Foundation Degree in Childcare and Education and Level 4 in SEN Provision and a First Aider.



Eleni Kogioni

Teacher & SEN Support

Eleni joined us in 2018. Her qualifications include BA in Early Childhood Education, Annual Specialisation in Special Needs, MSc in Special and Inclusive Education, Universal Safeguarding. Eleni has many years' experience working in Early Years, and is also fluent in Greek, German and English.



Irene Calvo Martinez

Teacher

Irene joined us in 2017, she has a Degree in Primary School Education specialising in Therapeutic Care & Pedagogy. Irene holds a Safeguarding Certificate and Health & Safety Certificate. Irene has many years' experience teaching children in Spain as well as in England. Irene is fluent in Spanish and English.



Elena Vela Saavedra

Teacher

Elena joined us in 2017. She has a Degree in Early Years Teaching, as well as Safeguarding. Elena has many years' experience teaching children in Spain as well as in England. Elena is fluent in Spanish and English.



Magda Wojdecka

Teacher

Magda joined us in 2008, she has a Master's Degree in Primary Education & Pedagogy and is also a First Aider. Magda has a wealth of experience working with children in a Montessori setting and is passionate about teaching. Magda is fluent in Polish and English.



Karen Fuller

Montessori Room Leader

Karen has worked for Little Tots since 2007, she has NVQ Level 3 in Childcare as well as a First Aider. Karen has many years' experience working within a Montessori nursery setting and is extremely knowledgeable with the Montessori method and materials.



Vicki Studd

Senior Nursery Nurse

Vicki joined Little Tots in 2017. Vicki has a BA in Child Development and Learning and a Foundation degree in Early Years Development and Learning as well as NVQ Level 3 in Play work. She is a First Aider. Vicki is keen to use Yoga style relaxation techniques to promote calmness and tranquillity within the Nursery setting.



Cath Siddall

Nursery Nurse

Cath has worked for Little Tots since 2007, she has NVQ Level 3 in Childcare as well as a First Aider. Cath has a wealth of experience using the Montessori ethos of learning, she also works very closely with our 2-year olds.



Shabana Hussain

Nursery Assistant

Shabana joined us in 2015 as a Nursery Assistant, she is also a First Aider. Shabana has passion for working with children and in a nursery setting. Shabana is fluent in Urdu and Punjabi.



Maria Spokes

Nursery Assistant

Maria joined us in 2018. She has a Level 2 in Childcare and loves working with children and planning activities. She speaks Japanese and has a passion for music and art.



Michelle Smith

HR Administrator

Michelle joined Little Tots in 2016, to support Lisa with the increasing administration over the three Nurseries and take on all HR issues. Michelle's has many years' experience working within admin and HR. Michelle works on a Monday, Tuesday & Friday.



Leanne Payne

Cook

Leanne joined us in 2014 as the Nursery Cook. Leanne has a Level 3 in Food Practices and Hygiene. Leanne joined us after years of experience working in a busy primary school kitchen. Leanne and Heather create a new menu each term catering for all children's dietary needs, tastes and seasonal foods. Leanne has recently achieved a 5 Star Food Hygiene Certificate for our kitchen.



Michelle Sheridan

Lunchtime Driver / Assistant

Michelle started working with us in September 2016, she takes the hot food from Reading to Stoney Heath and helps over the busy lunch hour.

