

MEET THE TEAM

AT LITTLE TOTS READING

Heather Schofield

Owner and Co-Director

Heather is Co-Director of Little Tots Nurseries. Heather and her business partner, Julie Torrible, opened the first Little Tots in Burghfield 18 years ago. Heather is based at the Reading nursery. She has over 30 years plus childcare experience and holds an N.N.E.B & Level 2 in Montessori Teaching Practices. Her role within the Nursery is to support her team, as well taking on the role of DSL (Designated Safeguarding Officer) she is also a Behaviour Ambassador, First Aider, Health & Safety Officer and holds her Food Hygiene certificate and will cover the cooking duties in the absence of our resident cook.



Julie Torrible

Owner and Co-Director

Julie is the Co-Director of Little Tots Nurseries LTD. 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 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 both of our nurseries. She is a qualified Montessori Teacher with a Degree in Children's Development and Learning, holds 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.



Rebecca (Becky) Du Cros

Nursery Manager

Becky has worked with Little Tots since 2011, working as a Deputy Manager and Montessori Teacher, she left Little Tots in 2016 to seek a new challenge, but returned to us in 2019 to take on the Nursery Managers position. Becky is extremely experienced having worked in childcare settings for almost 30 years. Becky is N.N.E.B trained and a qualified Montessori Teacher, she also holds a First Aid, Universal Safeguarding and Food Hygiene qualifications.



Julie Vincent

Nursery Deputy Manager

Julie joined Little Tots in 2014 as a Nursery Nurse and was later promoted to become Deputy Manager in 2018. Julie has worked for many years within the childcare sector. She holds an NVQ Level 3 in Play work & Creche Management, a Level 3 in Support Teaching & Learning, as well as being a First Aider and holding her Food Hygiene certificate and Universal Safeguarding.



Onye Abiodun-Ekus

Montessori Teacher

Onye joined us in 2019, she has a PhD in Education, as well as currently studying for her Level 5 in Childcare and Diploma in Montessori practices. Onye has many years of experience working within Early Years in both Reception Class and within a Montessori nursery. Onye is trained in First Aid, Universal safeguarding and Food Hygiene and Safety. She is also experienced in using British Sign Language.



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 and took on the role of lead SENCO in 2017. Laura has a real 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, her Universal Safeguarding and is a First Aider.



Noémie Maps

Teacher

Noémie has a Master's Degree in Teaching and also teaching French as a foreign language. She has previously worked within a Montessori nursery in Dublin for seven months. Noémie is also qualified in First-Aid.



Elena Vela Saavedra

Teacher

Elena joined us in 2017. She has a Degree in Early Years Teaching. Elena has several years' experience teaching children in Spain as well as in England. Elena is fluent in Spanish and English. She holds her universal safeguarding certificate



Magda Wojdecka

Teacher

Magda joined us in 2008, she has a Master's Degree in Primary Education & Pedagogy. 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. Magda holds her First Aid and Universal Safeguarding qualification.



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 worked within a Montessori nursery setting for many years and is extremely knowledgeable with the Montessori method and materials. Karen holds her Safeguarding and First Aid qualification.



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, Cath holds her Universal Safeguarding qualification.



Rachel Beckley

Temporary Work Placement - Teacher / Trainee Montessori Teacher

Rachel joined Little Tots Burghfield in 2016. She has joined Little Tots Reading to complete her Montessori teaching practice until July 2019. Rachel has a BA Hons Primary Education with QTS and holds her Safeguarding and First Aid qualification.



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 two 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.



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.

