



Information Booklet 2025

Welcome to Little Chameleons Pre-School

“Where the Learning Adventure Begins”

Little Chameleons welcomes you and your family to our beautiful school. We are an innovative and inspiring country Pre-School that will offer your child the opportunity to develop holistically into confident and well-rounded little people.

The name Little Chameleons was borne out of the fact that, as a school, we regularly find chameleons on campus. Chameleons are an adaptive, environmentally sensitive species and only flourish in a balanced, healthy eco-system. We felt this was an ideal representation of our ethos and philosophy that children will flourish in a well-balanced, healthy eco-system. Not only this, but just like chameleons can change their colour so too do our children change and develop as they grow. Our vision is to support and nurture your child through their milestones in a balanced environment in order for them to develop into happy, well-rounded little people.

Little Chameleons follows a Christian Calendar, however, no child will be denied enrolment on the basis of his/her religion. Little Chameleons is an inclusive school where we endeavour to cater to the specific needs of all children in our care. Children are placed in their age group according to the year that they were born from January to December.

Curriculum

Our children have space to play and explore with their friends, to develop physically and to grow interactive social skills. Learning experiences happen within a skills-based, theme-centered CAPS-aligned curriculum, which encourages risk taking and develops confidence. Meaningful, recognized learning programmes are implemented within flexible, age-appropriate time frames. Children are supported and guided to thrive as individuals. Our days are filled with creative, imaginative and adventurous play to encourage originality and the opportunity to express experiences, emotions and opinions visually, colourfully and creatively. Our lessons are fun and free, the guidance is purposeful and nurturing, and all outcomes are valued and celebrated, planting the seeds of self-worth and pride. Foundation for learning and the confidence developed ensure the smooth transition to formal schooling down the line.

2025 Groupings & School Hours

Children are placed according to the year in which they are born.

Doors open at 7:15am and our school day ends at 12:15pm.

Collection times are staggered for the different age groups as follow:

Grade	Age	Collection
0000 (born 2021)	2-3	12:00 noon
000 (born 2020)	3-4	12:00 noon
00 (born 2019)	4-5	12:15pm

2025 Calendar

Half term Thursday/Friday

Public holidays that fall within term time are normal school days unless stipulated as “Staff Development Days”.

	2025 Little Chameleons	Weeks	Aftercare Days
Term 1	Wednesday 15 th Jan – Friday 28 th March Half Term Thursday and Friday 20 th and 21 st of February Public Holiday Friday 21 March – <u>staff development day</u>	11	No aftercare on final Break-Up Day
Term 2	Wednesday 23rd April – Friday 27th June Half Term Thursday and Friday 22 nd and 23 rd of May Public Holiday Monday 28 April – normal school day Public Holiday Thursday 1 May – normal school day Public Holiday Monday 16 June – <u>staff development day</u>	10	No aftercare on final Break-Up Day
Term 3	Tuesday 22nd July – Friday 19th September Half Term Thursday and Friday the 21 st and 22 nd of August	9	No aftercare on final Break-Up Day
Term 4	Tuesday 7th October – Friday 28th November No half term	8	No aftercare on final Break-Up Day

Aftercare

We have an Aftercare facility, which is run by an enthusiastic team. Children staying for a half-day are required to bring their own healthy lunch snack and are encouraged to have a rest after lunch. Children staying for a full day of Aftercare are asked to bring their own healthy lunch but are provided with an afternoon tea snack at 3:00 pm.

We have two time options available, being half day or full day aftercare.

Half Day runs from 12:30 – 2:30pm

Full Day runs from 12:30 – 4:30pm

2025 Aftercare Fees

	Until 2:30 pm	Until 4:30
Per Month (12 mths)	R 460	R 800
Day Rate	R 50	

Aftercare is available on the Wednesday afternoon of half term, however, there is no aftercare available on the end of term Break-Up Day.

Provision and availability for holiday club will be confirmed towards the end of each term.

Mid-Morning Snack

Little Chameleons provides a healthy mid-morning snack for all children. A brown bread sandwich with Bovril, peanut butter or jam is offered. This is accompanied with fruits or veg and popcorn or other healthy treats on Fridays.

Parents are asked to still offer your child a healthy and substantial breakfast at home before coming to school.

Please send a water bottle with your child every day. Please only send water to school – no juice or fizzy drinks.

Uniform

You will receive one Little Chameleons T-shirt, a hat and bag as part of your welcome pack on joining. Uniform is not compulsory for all children. The younger grades are welcome to wear their fun school shirt should they wish to and comfortable clothes that allow messy adventurous play is encouraged. Additional uniform is available to purchase from the school should parents prefer their children to wear our uniform every day. Once received, your order will be prepared and delivered to your child's classroom.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Available items include:

- Little Chameleons T-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy wide brimmed Carlyle College hat
- Navy fleece and tracksuit

Stationery

A list of stationery requirements for the year will be provided to you prior to joining. This is a list of stationery that you will need to purchase and send to school on your first day of school.

Extra-curricular Activities (after school)

Our current extra-curricular activities include: Agili Kids and Gymnastics. These activities are run entirely independently of Little Chameleons and need to be arranged directly with the appropriate service provider. The availability of these extra activities will be communicated in the new year.

Parent-school Communications

There are several ways in which to communicate with us about any aspect of your child's well-being. We encourage parents to talk to your class teacher at the door and if a meeting is required to discuss an issue further, we invite you to make an appointment to meet with a member from management. Each class will use WhatsApp as their main port of communication for daily notes and messages. Our door is always open for parents to pop in and talk to us at the start or end of the day.

Please also follow us on Facebook for our latest news and events.

Sick Policy

Please ensure all your child's vaccinations are up to date, particularly tetanus, as we do spend a lot of time outdoors.

Common Colds – these are very catchy but very common for this age group. If your child is getting better and generally happy and sleeping well, you can send him/her to school.

Coughs & Ear infections – these are common after a cold and can linger. If your child is happy and does not have a fever and is otherwise well and not coughing too much, he/she can come to school.

Rashes/vomiting/diarrhea – these are never normal are your child must stay at home. Rashes and blisters on the hand, feet and mouth can be very contagious and so it's best for the child to stay at home.

Fever – is common at the onset of illness and usually makes your little one feel awful so staying at home is advisable until your child has been fever-free for 24hours.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics, please allow a minimum of 3 days after the initial dose before returning to school. If you have to give your child painkillers for him/her to cope then they are probably not well enough to attend a morning of school

Being sick is a normal, healthy part of growing up, especially in this age group. This is the age where children develop immune systems. When considering whether your child is well enough to attend school it may be useful to follow these two main principles:

- **Is your child too sick to be comfortable to engage in play activities?**
- **Is your child putting others at risk of catching a serious illness?**

If your child was well at drop off but develops symptoms during the day, your teacher will call you to arrange collection.

How to prepare your child for school

When your child starts school, as parents you are filled with pride and enthusiasm – your baby is now a child starting out on their educational adventure. While it is exciting to prepare your child's school bag and Little Chameleons uniform, it is also completely natural to feel anxious about your child walking into their classroom to start this new stage of their life.

Speak to your child positively about their new school, the new friends they are going to make and everything they are going to do and learn. If you have time, you can read them some books about starting school. Help your child to be independent, giving them the responsibility of preparing for their first day of school, helping to organise their school bag and clothes. Children sense their parents' anxieties so be confident in your decision and your confidence will fill them with confidence too. Allow a moment to admire the fun classroom, toys or art and comment on what a great time they are going to have. Keep the goodbyes brief when you drop off your child as extending the time can make children nervous.

A good nights' sleep is very important. Your child must get used to going to bed early. Get your child up with plenty of time for them to dress and have time for breakfast. A good breakfast is essential to start the day well. It is important to help your child become independent. When they can do something for themselves, let them, as this will develop confidence.

When they come home at the end of their school day, encourage your child to share what they are learning at school. Asking open-ended questions allows your child to elaborate and expand on their own thoughts and feelings surrounding their day. You'll be certain to enjoy the shared experience with your child.

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Applications Process

Application forms are available at the Carlyle College reception or by email. Please note that application does not guarantee your child a place in the school. Upon receiving your application form and non-refundable application fee of R 600, your application will be processed. After the application process has been completed and should there be availability, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable enrolment fee to secure your child's place. Kindly provide proof of payment along with your completed application form.

If any fees are paid into South Africa from another country, please remember that you are responsible for any banking fees.

Enrolment Fee 2025

On accepting a space at Little Chameleons, an **enrolment fee of R 4 500** will be charged. All children are placed for January 2025 and therefore we cannot reserve space for later in the year. Please remember that once enrolment fees are paid, no refunds will be given in the event of declining your space. This fee is non-transferrable from one child to another or from one year to the next. Should you decide to postpone your child's start date at Little Chameleons, you may forfeit your placement and forego your enrolment fee, in order to make place for the next child on the waiting list.

Payments can be made via EFT to the following account:

Account name:	Carlyle College (Pty) Ltd
Bank:	Investec
Branch Code:	580105
Account No:	1001 305 0104
Reference:	Child's Name and Surname

On enrolling your child your child with Little Chameleons, you will receive a Little Chameleons T-shirt, floppy hat and bag.
