

Thank you for enquiring about our playgroup. We hope you find this information helpful. Please contact our administrator if you require further information or would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list.

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Sessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

Most children attend for 2 sessions to start with, rising to 3 sessions by their last term.

Fees

£8.10 per session from September 2008, payable at the start of each half-term; no refunds for absence. We are able to apply for Nursery education grant funding for 3 year olds.

Numbers

We are currently registered for 28 children per session

Staff

Leader, eight part-time playgroup assistants (meeting National Standards qualifications) and voluntary helpers.

Keyworker

One member of staff will have special responsibility for your child during their time at playgroup.

Admissions

In the first instance when a parent contacts the playgroup the child's details will be recorded and filed under the relevant date for admission. A visit will be arranged in the term prior to admission, when the place will be confirmed. Children usually begin playgroup during the term in which they have their 3rd birthday. Places will be allocated according to the playgroup's admissions policy.

Settling In

Your child's keyworker and another member of staff will make a short visit to your home to meet you and the child. This is followed by one or two full session visits to the playgroup, for you and your child together, prior to your child starting.

Nursery

Most children from our playgroup move on to nursery classes attached to local schools in the term in which they are 4 years old. However, your child can stay at playgroup longer if you wish to defer entry into nursery.

Celebrations

We have short services at Christmas (when the children perform a nativity play), Easter and Harvest, to which friends and family are invited. The children sing Christmas songs to senior citizens and give them gifts they have made at Christmas and Harvest. We also have a Christmas party for the children, a summer garden party and an open morning during the summer term.

Typical session

For the first hour the children have a free choice of the many activities available. Keyworker group sessions are held during this time. Each session has a theme and this is reflected in some of the activities. Children are encouraged to bring in related items for the interest table. The activities will vary at different sessions and are geared to the relevant areas and levels of the Foundation Stage. After tidying up, one member of staff will lead a group teaching session, talking about the theme for the week and looking at the things the children have brought in; this is followed by songs and snack-time. The next part of the morning is devoted to large physical movement such as riding bikes, playing with balls, running and jumping - indoors or outside. The session finishes with a story.

During the year we arrange short visits in small or large groups (e.g. the museum, library, postoffice) when we may ask for your help in walking with the children.

Committee

The playgroup is responsible to and governed by a committee of church members chaired by the Pastor, Nick Baldwin.

Our playgroup is part of the work of the church and the group is run on Christian principles; we are, however, open to everyone. Our aim is to care for children in a loving environment where there is mutual respect and consideration for all