



Preschool

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Thank you for enquiring about our Preschool. 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.

Sessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9.20am-12.20pm, during school terms. Children attend for 2 or 3 sessions per week. Additional sessions may be available.

Fees

£20.00 per session from September 2023, payable at the start of each half-term; no refunds for absence. We accept childcare vouchers and can apply for Free Early education funding for 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds.

Staff

We have 4 Preschool staff members (meeting National Standards qualifications), an administrator and voluntary helpers.

Keyworker

One member of staff will have special responsibility for your child during their time at Preschool and will discuss your child's progress with you.

Admissions

On receipt of the Registration Form, the child's details will be recorded and filed under the relevant date for admission. Parents will be contacted 6-9 months prior to admission, when the place will be confirmed. Our Preschool is for children aged 2 and 3, generally for the year before they enter nursery school. Our main intake is in September but younger children can start in January if parents prefer. Places will be allocated according to the Preschool'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 and complete the necessary paperwork. This is followed by one or two session visits to the Preschool for you and your child together, prior to your child starting.

Typical session

Our sessions are planned to encourage the children to have a happy time with us, building on their natural curiosity as they explore and play, think and learn. We offer a creative curriculum that has learning through play at the core. Each session has plenty of time for child-initiated play and learning, carefully supported by key workers.

We begin each session indoors with a wide range of play opportunities linked to the EYFS areas of learning and development. Our environment is designed to be stimulating while providing security. We have a familiar structure, which allows children to come into preschool happily and choose their own activity. We also introduce new experiences through our topics, which stimulate interest and build on the children's desire to learn.

We tidy up together, which helps the children to learn to work as a team. Snack time is a special part of our morning, when children learn to sit at tables in small groups with an adult, with the emphasis on conversation, turn taking, manners and healthy eating habits.

A short music and movement time follows, where children can express their creativity, learn new rhymes and songs, play circle and parachute games and use instruments. This allows children to experience the joy of being part of a large group. Our daily Storytime is carefully planned to suit the children's stage of development and encourages them to develop a love of stories and reading.

This is followed by child-initiated play in our beautiful, large garden where we have a variety of areas and resources that inspire curiosity and exploration. Play and learning across all areas of the EYFS takes place outdoors. This time is supported by key workers who will be interacting with the children and developing their play.

Our session ends with a short Bible Time when the children enjoy listening to stories about Jesus.

Committee

The Preschool is responsible to and governed by a committee of church members.

Our Preschool 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.

