



Preschool

† Akeman Street Baptist Church †

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

Fees

£17.25 per session from September 2021, 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

Leader, administrator, five Preschool assistants (meeting National Standards qualifications) 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 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 full session visits to the Preschool, for you and your child together, prior to your child starting.

Nursery

Most children from our Preschool move on to nursery classes attached to local schools in the year in which they are 4 years old. However, your child can stay at Preschool longer if you wish to defer entry into nursery, and we feel this is in their best interest.

Celebrations

We have short services at Christmas, 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 and a summer garden party.

Typical session

For the first hour and a quarter the children have a free choice of the many activities available. Small Keyworker group sessions are held during this time (up to 15 mins) and we make good use of our outdoor space. Each session has a theme and this is reflected in some of the activities, with links to the Early Years Foundation Stages of Learning. Children are encouraged to bring in related items to share and show. Staff will encourage children to participate in as many activities as possible to develop their range of experiences through active learning, playing, exploring, creating and critical thinking. After tidying up we have snack time, followed by songs and stories; The next part of the morning is devoted to physical development such as riding bikes, music and movement, playing with balls, running and jumping - indoors or outside. The session finishes with a short bible time, where the leader shares an interactive story from the bible.

During the year we try to arrange short visits in small or large groups, e.g. to the library and post office, when we may ask for your help in walking with the children. We also have visits from the school crossing patrol and police, and occasional animal encounters.

Committee

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

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.