

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, 9.10am-12.10pm, during school terms. Children attend for 2 or 3 sessions to start with, rising to 3 or 4 sessions by their last term, depending on availability.

Fees

£13.00 per session from September 2016, 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, eight part-time 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 months prior to admission, when the place will be confirmed. Our Preschool is for children from the term after their second birthday until 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 term or year in which they are 4 years old. However, your child can stay at Preschool longer if you wish to defer entry into nursery.

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

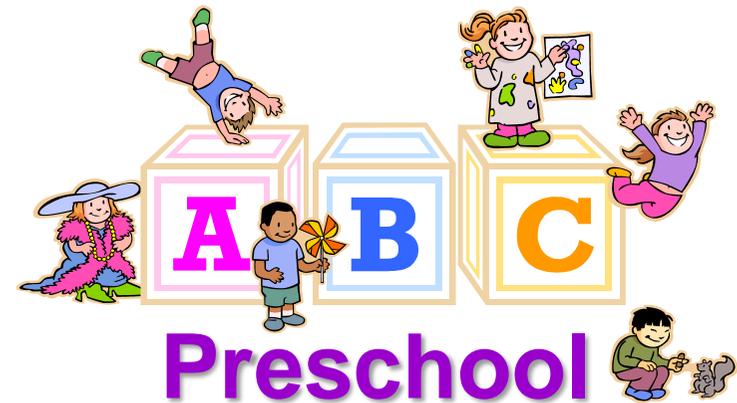
For the first hour and a half the children have a free choice of the many activities available. Small Keyworker group sessions are held during this time. Each session has a theme and this is reflected in some of the activities. Children are encouraged to bring in related items to show. The activities will vary at different sessions and are geared to the relevant areas and levels of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff will encourage children to participate in as many as possible to broaden their range of experiences. After tidying up we have snack time, followed by songs and stories; The next part of the morning is devoted to large physical movement such as riding bikes, music and movement, playing with balls, running and jumping - indoors or outside. The session finishes with circle time, when one member of staff will lead a group teaching session.

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

Committee

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

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.



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