



Frequently asked Questions and Information for Parents.

What is a key person?

Each child within the Pre-School will be assigned a key person. The key person works closely and builds a relationship with the children to whom they are assigned. Parents will also get to know their child's key person and can discuss any concerns, questions they may have about the child/Pre-School etc.

Topics and Themes and Letter/Colour of the Week

Throughout the year the Pre-School will look at different themes and topics. Children are encouraged to bring in items related to the letter or colour of the week and these will be discussed amongst the group. Please label items with the child's name so this does not get lost or claimed by another over enthusiastic child! A newsletter outlining the theme/topic for that term will be available & these are posted on our website and Facebook Page.

EYFS and Curriculum

We follow The Department For Education's Early Years Foundation Stage framework which is mandatory for all early years settings. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. For every child attending the pre-school their key person will commence a learning journal. This will include information to help track your child's progress according to the EYFS and will include evidence of what your child has been learning. Parents are asked to regularly contribute to the learning journal to support their child's development.

Have Fun at Home

Regular emails are sent home with an activity for you and your child to complete together. These activities will include information about how to support your child's learning and development according to the EYFS.

Transition

During your child's final term at Pre-School they will take part in 'transition' sessions which will encourage them to gain the necessary skills in preparation for starting school. These include activities such as getting ready for PE and encouraging literacy and numeracy skills.

Achievement Stars

Achievement stars are used as a tool for staff and parents to acknowledge when a child has done something they can be proud of. Children are encouraged to talk about their achievements with the staff and other children. It is a great way for staff to gain further information about their key children at home and promote self esteem and confidence.

Clothing/Uniforms

Uniforms are available for children to wear when attending Pre-School and can save good clothes getting spoilt! However, this is optional and children should wear comfortable clothing that is likely to get messy! The uniform consists of T-shirts, sweaters and fleeces which can all be purchased via the Pre-School. It is essential that a spare set of clothes is supplied in a clearly named bag should your child require a change of clothing. Please ensure any clothes worn by your child are clearly named.

Outdoor clothing and footwear

Parents will need to ensure that appropriate clothing is provided for outdoor play, i.e. coats/hats/scarves in winter and sun cream and sunhats in summer. In addition we ask that children wear sensible footwear when attending the setting. The children play outside in the playground regularly where there is climbing equipment and other apparatus. Therefore, shoes which fasten properly and preferably with grips are recommended.

Snacks

Healthy snacks are provided for all children attending the morning sessions. This consists of fruit, breadsticks, rice cakes etc. Water and milk are also provided to drink. We ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per term towards the cost of snacks.

Newsletter

Newsletters are sent out regularly through the year. These contain information about the pre-school, planned themes/topics and any news we would like to share with parents.

Sickness

Please let us know if your child will not be attending Pre-School if they are ill. If your child has had sickness/diarrhoea we ask they remain away from pre-school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness. If your child is prescribed antibiotics they may return to Pre-School 48 hours after the first dose providing they are well enough to come.

Parent Rota

We encourage parent partnership within the Pre-School and have a parent rota that parents/carers can sign up for. This is located on the parent notice board outside the room. This gives you a chance to help out at an activity and be part of your child's Pre-School experience.