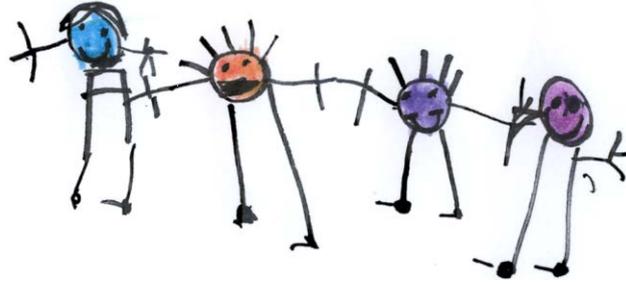


St Peter's Pre-School Playgroup.

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Pre-School Playgroup
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Welcome

A very warm welcome to you and your child from all the staff and children at our Pre-School Playgroup!

You will find us on St Peter's CE Primary School grounds in a little white building over looking the school playground and the beautiful Dee Estuary beyond. Here you will find a happy, secure and caring environment for your child to begin their first steps of education. Our aim is to encourage all our children into social beings who love and care for one another whilst they learn the basic skills in preparation for school.

We strive to offer equal opportunities to girls and boys and recognise that families have different cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic values.

Young children are natural learners. For the under fives, playing and learning are the same thing. We endeavour to provide a rich, varied and fulfilling curriculum for our children to ensure they all experience a wide variety of opportunities to learn as they play. We pride ourselves in taking each child's physical, emotional, social and educational needs account. We believe there is no such thing as an average child; every child is an individual and is treated as such, reaching different levels at different stages.

Please use this booklet for your information about our Pre-School, playgroup if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope your child has a happy time with us and enjoys Pre-School.

Claire ,Sharon and all the team

Our Staff

Pre-School Leader

Claire Jones

Sharon Reardon

Deputy

Penny Bell

The Pre-School team

Jane Shaw

Liz Hulmston

Angela Irmak

Lisa Calveley

Administrator

Marian Horrocks

How and when to start

Children are eligible to join our Pre-School once they are two and a half. We endeavour to find a place for children once they reach this age but this will sometimes depend on the number of children already enrolled.

With this booklet you will find an Admission form. Please complete it and return it to Mrs Jones as soon as possible. Make a note of when you hope your child will start Pre-School and the days you have requested (just to remind yourself when the time gets nearer).

Starting from.....

	am	pm	Full Day
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

The Pre-School sessions we offer are as follows:

Sessional Care - parents/carers can select from either morning sessions which run from 8.50am to 11.50am or afternoon sessions which are provided from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

Sessional Care plus Lunch Club - in addition to attending a morning or afternoon session, children can also join in with Lunch Club. The finishing time for children attending morning sessions will then be 12.30pm, while for children coming along for an afternoon session will need to be dropped off at 11.50am.

Full Day Care - we also provide full day care provision for a maximum of three full days. The times are 8.50am to 3.30pm and includes attendance at Lunch Club. If additional care is required either before or after these times you may be interested to know that we have linked up with Paintbox After School and Holiday Club. Please ask for more details.

Current Costs:

Sessional Care - £11.50 per session

Sessional Care plus Lunch Club - £14.50 (Lunch club £3.00)

Full Day Care including Lunch Club - £26.00

All 3 and 4 year old children are entitled to a free early education place, the term after their 3rd birthday. Please ask for more information.

Lunch Club

Our Lunch Club is available every day.

- The cost of Lunch Club is £3.00

Children can bring their own lunch and a drink in a container, with their name clearly marked. Lunch boxes will be kept in a cool box until needed.

Or

A hot dinner can be provided from the main school kitchen at an additional cost of £2.00 per day. (This is payable direct to Wirral Borough Council.)

Water is always available for the children

Key Person

Before your child begins attending our Pre-School they will be allocated a Key Person. This is a member of staff who will follow your child's developmental progress through their time with us and will be responsible for their Foundation Record Assessments. Our Pre-School adheres to The Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Parents and children are encouraged to visit the Pre-School prior to their starting date to familiarise themselves with the surroundings, routine, staff and children.

Joining Our Pre-School

Pre-School is a fun place to be, there is always plenty to do. Attending these sessions will give your child a valuable independence. This may be the first time your child has been away from you in a school-like environment but our experienced, friendly and caring staff will endeavour to make this transition from home life to school life as easy for your child and for you as possible.

Your child will be introduced to a whole range of new and exciting play and learning activities and perhaps most importantly your child will begin to forge new friendships with the children with whom they will eventually start school with. It is a most valuable pre-school experience.

We do like children to come dressed in comfortable clothes that can be easily washed. We do have T-shirts and sweatshirts with our logo embroidered on them if you wish to purchase them to get your child used to the concept of uniform but this entirely optional. We do try and encourage children not to bring their own toys to the pre school we understand this is sometimes very difficult. If they are insistent please name their toys to avoid losing them during the session.

During the morning and afternoon children are offered different types of snacks appropriate to the time of day. Milk or water is also provided. The 'snack of the day' is displayed on the snack table. Water is also available for the children throughout the session.

In the Pre-School we have a small library from which your child can borrow book bags. In these you will find books with soft toys, games, all linked to our Foundation Stage Curriculum. These are hugely popular with our children feel free to take one home we also have a boy and a girl teddy bear complete with a rucksack of their belongings. These bears would love to come and stay with your child for a few days from time to time. These are very popular house guests and you may have to wait a while before it is your child's turn to have them but it is worth the wait. Any photos and pictures the children bring back to remind them of their time with Ted are stuck in a special scrap book and their adventures are shared with the other children.

At the end of the session a prayer will be said before the doors are opened and also before lunch.

The Pre-school year

In the year before your child starts St Peter's CE Primary School they will be taken for visits to the Foundation Two (Reception) classrooms. We make visits over to school assemblies and other school events such as Harvest festivals, bring and buy fairs and sports day. They will meet school staff both in school and in their familiar Pre-School setting. In the summer term your child will be allocated a 'buddy' from year 5 (soon to be in Year 6). This child will act as a mentor to your child from then on, to help introduce them to the school throughout the Foundation 2 year. Meeting their buddy whilst still in Pre-School allows both children to develop a relationship together before school even begins.

Background information

As the feeder Pre-School to St Peters CE Primary School and having the advantage of being within their grounds we have strong links with school and church. The Pre-School is run by a committee of parents who are responsible for the management of the playgroup. An AGM is held in the Autumn Term each year and everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to become part of the Committee your contribution would be very welcome. The Pre-school is a registered charity and a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

And finally...

We hope that St Peter's Pre-School Playgroup can be seen as an extension to your family life, providing as much love, care, support and encouragement as your child needs, through a sometimes bewildering, but very important and exciting stage of their development.

Ideas To Help Your Child At Home

Saying rhymes, singing songs and telling stories

Going to the library and choosing books

Talking to your child and planning activities together. Remembering past events and outings.

Looking at books, comics, magazines, etc.

Encouraging your child to share toys and take turns.

Listening to your child and answering questions.

Encouraging your child to use a wide variety of writing materials e.g. crayons, pencils, felt tips, chalk, etc.

Always being positive and enthusiastic about their efforts.

Playing simple board games and card games.

Pointing out signs and shapes in the home and environment, e.g. first letter of their name, numbers on doors etc.

Making scrap books with pictures. Print all relevant words under each picture (NEVER PRINT IN CAPITALS, always use lower case letters).

Helping your child realise how numbers occur in life by counting in various ways, e.g. how many forks on a table, number rhymes are helpful.

Help your child recognise his or her name.

Encourage your child to become independent, e.g. going to the toilet alone, washing their hands, putting on their own shoes and coat, etc.