

Pre-school: Frequently Asked Questions

Please send us an e-mail or call us if you have any questions regarding our pre-school. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions.

Q: How many free hours am I entitled to?

All three year old children are entitled to 15 hours funded childcare. For those families where parents work, you may be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare. Please follow this link to see if you are entitled: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> Applications for 30 hours childcare also need to be provided through this website. You will be given a 30 hour eligibility code which needs to be renewed every three months. This code will need to be given to the school.

Q: How long are the sessions?

Morning sessions run from 8.55am-11.55am. Afternoon sessions run from 12.30-3.15pm. If your child stays for the whole day, they will be provided with a cooked lunch at 12.00pm. The current cost of a lunch is £2.20 a day. If you want your child to stay for the morning and over the lunch hour, there is a cost of £6.00 for the additional hour.

Q: I need some help with choosing sessions for my child.

A: Please send us an e-mail at info@parklandset.org.uk if our current offering does not suit your situation. We can then look at this on an individual basis.

Q: Will my child have lunch at school if they attend half-days?

Children who attend in the morning (8.55-11.55am) can stay for lunch until 1.00pm but there is an extra charge of £6.00 for the additional hour.

Q: I am interested in wrap-around care.

We are starting a Breakfast and After-school Club in September 2019. Breakfast Club will be open from 7.45-8.55am and the After-school Club will be open from 3.15-6.00pm. Both of these clubs will be open to our Pre-school children. Breakfast Club costs £3.50. After-school club costs £4.50 from 3.15-4.45pm or £7.00 from 3.15-6.00pm.

Q: What happens if my child is ill and not able to attend Pre-school?

If your child is ill, please ring the school on 01934 404555 before the start of the school day to let us know.

Q: How do we go about taking a holiday during term-time?

As Pre-school children do not legally have to be in school, families are able to take holidays in term time. We do ask that parents complete the school's holiday form at least two weeks before the planned trip so that we have advanced notice of their absence.

Q: What forms will I need to complete before my child starts in Pre-school?

We will need a completed application form detailing the sessions you would like your child to attend. Once this form is received, we will need you to complete a Parent Declaration Form and a Data Collection Form so that we have all the information we need. We will also need to take a photocopy of your child's birth certificate before they start with us.

Q: What will my child need to bring to Pre-school?

The main things children need to bring to Pre-school are wellies, a change of clothes and a coat. In the summer children also need to bring a hat to school.

Q: Can children join the Pre-school at any point during a term?

As long as your child was three in the previous term, then they can start Pre-school at any point by using their funded hours (15hrs or 30hrs). If you would like your child to start sooner than this, you can pay for sessions.

Q: If I am only entitled to 15 hours free childcare, can I pay for extra sessions?

Yes. Extra sessions (morning or afternoon) cost £18 each.