

Welcome to the Pre-School Room

The Pre-School room is full of activities and experiences available for your child to engage in, and these activities are offered as a result of focused observations following children's individual interests.

Planning is done on an individual basis, using the information gathered from observations. Every child is allocated a Key Person when they start, who will help your child settle within the room, in addition to being responsible for liaising with you regarding their progress and achievements.

The Pre-School room care for twenty-four children and are looked after by four/five members of staff. We work closely with Northbrook College and encourage child care students to undertake their placements with us, working in the Pre-School room.

The Pre-School room have adjoining toilets and easy access to our large, exciting outside area. Our ethos within the Pre-School room is to promote quality interactions and to prepare your child for the transition to Primary School. We aim to develop independence so that they are prepared and equipped to cope with the next stage of learning. This includes being able to deal with their own toileting and hygiene needs, dress and undress and separate from their main carer with confidence.



The Pre-School room offers an extensive range of stimulating and exciting activities to enable children to build upon his/her existing experiences and interests, develop 'School Readiness' and benefit from focused in-depth learning. These experiences encompass both our indoor and outdoor environment, incorporating open-ended resources and equipment. These experiences help children to develop their skills across the seven areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and we endeavour to work in partnership with you to meet your child's individual needs.

We follow children's interests to introduce them to a diverse range of experiences, for example cultural and religious celebrations and people who help us from the community. We have a strong link with St. George's, our local church.

'Dayshare' is an electronic system we use to keep you informed regarding your child's individual day, including information such as nappy changes, menu information, how much is eaten, as well as regular photographs.





It would be helpful if you could provide a spare set of clothes in case of accidents, which will be kept in a named bag, provided by the nursery. This is kept on a named peg situated in the hallway. It is important that you provide your child with a named hat during the summer months. Sun cream (Soltan Kids Once factor 50+) is provided unless you wish to bring your own. Warm coats, hats and gloves will be needed in the winter months as well. This allows your child to access the outdoor resources all year round.



An Early Years Teacher (Paula) implements weekly sessions around the children's interests and has introduced Write Dance and Doh Disco amongst other exciting activities. The Pre-School children enjoy outings within our local community such as to the beach, the library, local shops and the park.

The Pre-School children regularly take part in fun and fitness sessions in the main school hall. Large equipment such as parachute play, balance beams, climbing frames and bean bags, hoops and balls can be appreciated with the luxury of indoor space. Obstacle courses are designed and planned by the children who then experiment with trying them out!

Within the room each child is encouraged to access their own equipment, have a snack at a time that is convenient within their play and have respect for their peers and adults. Your child will find that mealtimes within the Pre-School room are great social occasions, where children can have their school lunch together and a snack in the afternoon. If you feel that your child requires an afternoon nap (on a regular or irregular basis) this can be accommodated using toddler beds and individual sheets.



If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of the team within the nursery.

