



PEACHCROFT PRE-SCHOOL

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Basic Information Sheet for Parents and Carers

Peachcroft Pre-school was established in 1983 and is a registered charity run by a Committee of parents. We take children from **2½ to 5 years old**.

Session days/times

Sessions run Monday to Friday from 08.45 am to 14.45 pm. Your child will automatically be offered a place as soon as a vacancy becomes available following your child becoming 2 ½ years.

Lunch club

We run a lunch club on Monday to Friday (1145 – 1215). Children who attend an afternoon session bring their healthy packed lunch with them and lunch club is included in their session. However if you wish your child to stay for lunch club and it is not included in the session there is an extra cost of £2.50 per day for this facility. Block of 5 Lunch clubs paid for in advance will be charged at £10.00, making a saving of £2.50. You will need to pre-book space for your child, please speak with a member of staff for further information.

Cost

The current cost per session is **£8.00**. Government funding is currently available in Oxfordshire for children starting at the **beginning of the term following their 3rd birthday**, until they go to school. This means the Local Education Authority provide a free place for your child to attend a recognised early years education provider for up to 5 sessions per week. **We are, of course, a recognised early years education provider.**

A charge of £3.50 per term will be made per child to cover the cost of fruit provided by the pre-school for the children's snack time.

Staff/child ratio

The staff/child ratio is at least 1 adult to 8 children, 3 and over and 1 adult to 4 children, under 3. Our staff are trained and experienced early years workers. We welcome parents coming in to help at sessions and any other family involvement in the running of Pre-school and fund-raising events.

What we get up to!

We provide a wide range of activities for the children including sand and water play, art and craft, cooking, clay and dough, songs and music. There is an outdoor play area, which is used daily (weather permitting). Pre-school has a wide variety of books and board games and a computer with a range of software suitable for pre-school children. There is plenty of chance for imaginative play in the home corner or with toys such as the train set, cars, airport, doll's house, farm and zoo. The children's activities are planned to work towards their learning outcomes as set at by the Early Years Foundation Stage. Ofsted regularly inspects us. Please ask to see a copy of the last report.

Term lengths

We are open over 6 terms per year, normally covering 38 weeks.

Please bear in mind we still have to keep the building open and staff employed in this period to provide Early Years Education to those who are not yet LEA funded. We are a registered Charity and we are not out to make a profit, any profits made from fund-raising are put back into providing resources for the children. Please speak to the current Pre-school Chairman or Treasurer if you require more information, their phone numbers are on the Parent notice board in the rear entrance foyer.

What to do next?

Please make arrangements with our Supervisor, Mrs Helen Day, if you would like to come for a visit to see what we do and ask any questions you may have. Helen may be contacted at Pre-school on Abingdon (01235) 555808 during session hours.

Waiting List

We operate a waiting list to which your child's name can be added. You can collect a Registration Form by a number of means:-

1. from Pre-school during their opening hours
2. By calling Mrs Karen Thorne, Waiting List Secretary, Tel: (01235) 532338 before 8.00pm, who will post/deliver one to you
3. Complete the secure online form, WEB address located above
4. Request using the e-mail address also located above.

There is a registration fee of £8.00. On receipt of the completed Registration Form and fee, Peachcroft Pre-school will give/send you a booklet giving more detailed information about the Pre-school and details of when your child will be able to start.