

Early Years Foundation Stage

The EYFS principles which guide the work for all practitioners are grouped into four themes;

- * A Unique Child.
- * Positive Relationships.
- * Enabling Environments.
- * Learning and Development.

Learning and development requirements

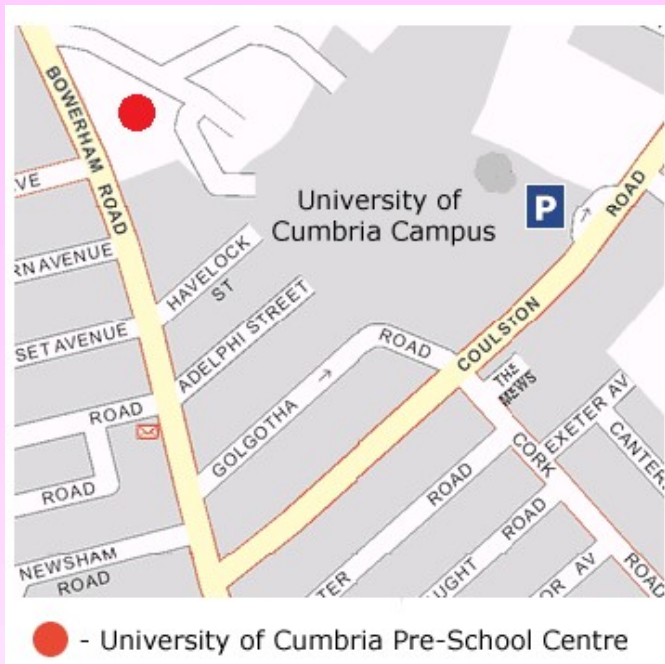
There are seven learning and development areas.

The prime areas:

- * Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- * Communication and Language
- * Physical Development

The specific areas which are interlinked with the prime areas are:

- * Literacy
- * Mathematics
- * Understanding the World
- * Expressive Arts and Design

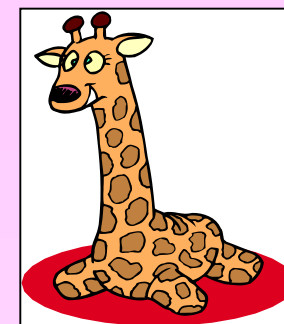


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At The Pre School Centre, we cater for children aged from birth to 5 years.

Our opening hours are from 8:00am till 6:00pm, 49 weeks of the year. We close for 2 weeks at Christmas and 1 week at Easter.

The Pre School Centre offers a comprehensive care and education facility to all children who meet the age criteria. In a carefully planned environment, which recognises individual needs and fosters independence and socialisation,. Your child will be allowed to develop to their full potential. We welcome the participation of parents and operate an open door policy, which facilitates open communication. The Pre School Centre will put your child on the first step to lifelong learning.

Our nursery consists of three main areas

- ◆ **0-2 years**
- ◆ **2-3 years**
- ◆ **3-5 years**

The daily routine is organised so children can take part in a variety of engaging, stimulating child chosen and adult led activities. These take into account individual routines, needs for rest and quiet activities, including changing energy levels throughout the day.



Settling in sessions

Prior to your child starting at The Pre School Centre, we would encourage settling in sessions , so that you and your child can experience nursery life and make the transition from home to nursery as smooth as possible .These are free of charge and usually last 1 hour.

Key Person

Each child will be allocated a 'key person' as part of a key-person group within the nursery. The role of the keyperson will be :

- To ensure that babies and children become independent learners whilst having a familiar face to support and develop learning.
- To be knowledgeable of individual needs.
- To promote effective partnership and two way exchange of information with parents.

Meal Times

Meals are provided by the kitchens on campus. Menus are on a 4 week rota and are all freshly made.

We are able to accommodate food requests i.e. allergies, intolerances, cultural or religious reasons

Holidays

The nursery will close every statutory bank holiday , two weeks at Christmas and one week at Easter.

When the nursery is closed no fees will be charged.

Two weeks notice is required prior to holidays which will be charged at 50%.

Termination of sessions.

Four weeks written notice is required to terminate a child's place.

Price List and Fees information.

One weeks deposit is required to secure your child's place. This is retained and returned when your child leaves the Centre.

Prices includes morning and afternoon snacks.

Full fees will still be payable if a child is away through illness.

Hot meals are charged at £2.75 per day.

Additional services are charged at £1 per session per week:

Mon am– Music

Wed am–EnjoyaBall

Thur am– Dance



The Pre School Centre is registered for the Early Years Education Grant and we now offer the 30 hours funding. Separate fee structure available.

3-4 Early Years Education Grant

Children are eligible for 15 free funded hours per week starting the term following their third birthday. Some children are eligible for extended funded hours. Please see a member of staff.

2-3 Early Years Education Grant

Two year old funding is available to some children who meet the specific criteria. Please ask for more details.