

Halberton Pre-School

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PROSPECTUS



WELCOME TO HALBERTON PRE-SCHOOL

At Halberton Pre-School we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a wide variety of resources and activities, where two to five year olds can broaden their experiences and awareness of the world around them. It is a great opportunity for children to take their first steps towards independence by spending time away from home in the company of other adults and children, helping the transition up in to school.

We follow OFSTED recommendations and our latest report can be viewed online by going to www.ofsted.gov.uk or following a link on the school webpage. We have recently been judged OFSTED OUSTANDING in all areas (2016).

Our highly qualified staff attend regular training in the form of courses and workshops run by 'Early Years' agencies and all hold a 'Paediatric First Aid' certificate.

We regularly share the outside playground with Class 1 and visit their class once a week for story time. This provides great opportunities for a smooth transition to school. We are also lucky enough to be able to enjoy the schools Wildlife Area where there is a mud kitchen, climbing equipment, nature pond and an outside learning space.



The Pre-School webpage is situated within the Halberton Primary School webpage; www.halberton-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Hours of Attendance

We are currently open as follows: (term-time only)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm
(Children are welcome to attend mornings, afternoons or all day)

Tuesday we are open from 9am to 1pm
(Children attend the full four hours in this session)

Fees

Children are funded **15 hours** from the term after the child's 3rd birthday.
Any additional hours are charged at £4.00 per hour.

A drink of milk/water and a healthy snack are provided at each session.

Lunchtime is at 12noon and the children bring a packed lunch, which is eaten with the Pre-School staff. We have found this to be a vital part of their personal and social development, encouraging communication and observing good manners.

“What we learn with pleasure, we never forget“. Alfred Mercier

CURRICULUM

During their time at Pre-School, children will be part of a group, developing social skills such as turn taking and sharing. They will also cultivate more obvious physical skills - balancing, jumping, hand/eye co-ordination, etc...



We offer an enriched learning environment based around the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The areas of development include Personal

Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematical Development, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.



All children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. Our **key worker system** gives each member of staff responsibility for a few children so that each child and parent/carer has one special adult to relate to. In addition to working with parents/carers through shared observations and record-keeping, the key worker liaises closely with other members of staff to tailor the group's curriculum to the unique needs of each individual child.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions and if any parents or friends have a talent that they would like to share with us, please do so!

"Life is trying things to see if they work". Ray Bradbury

STARTING PRE-SCHOOL

This can be a very bewildering time for any little one so we encourage parents to accompany their child for as long as necessary. Pre-School recognises the individual needs of every child and we have found that a little time at the start can help your child settle happily.

Clothing

To enable children to play freely with paint, sand, water, dough and clay we would appreciate the wearing of suitable clothing and sensible shoes. Aprons are provided but accidents do happen! We encourage the purchase of **Pre-School Sweatshirts** and/or **T-shirts**.

Special Needs

We welcome **all** children and encourage each child to progress at their own rate. If a special educational need is identified the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator liaises with parents and co-ordinates the child's educational provision. Specialists from outside agencies provide advice and support if needed.

Safeguarding children.

We have a comprehensive policy for safeguarding children and our supervisor, Sharon Webber, is our Safeguarding Officer. We encourage parents to make themselves familiar with this policy. The Pre-School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff to share this commitment.

Policies

The Safeguarding Policy and all other policies are available for parents/carers to read.

Staff

Sharon Webber 01884 829414
Supervisor (Designated Safeguarding Officer)

Sheri Davies

Assistant (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) (Designated Safeguarding Officer)

For further information and registration please contact:

Pre-School 01884 829414 or Halberton Primary School 01884 820585.

Email preschool@halberton.school

We welcome you to our Pre-School and hope that your child will have a happy and productive time 'learning through play'.





"The first duty to children is to make them happy". Charles Buxton



