



Five Wents Pre-school Prospectus

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Welcome to Five Wents Pre-School and thank you for interest in registering your child with us.

We know how important your child is and aim to deliver the highest quality of care and education to help them to achieve their best.

This document aims to provide you with an introduction to Five Wents Pre-School, our routines, our approach to supporting your child's learning and development and how we aim to work together with you to best meet your child's individual needs. This should be read alongside our Childcare Terms and Conditions for a full description of our services.

Our setting aims to:

- create an environment where children feel safe, secure and happy;
 - provide a curriculum that meets the needs of all of our children;
 - offer experiences of awe and wonder of the world in which we live to our children;
 - give essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success;
 - ensure all children make progress in their learning and development in readiness for their next step;
 - work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop;
 - add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
 - offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.
- Our *intent* is for our children to be:

Happy

Engaged

Highly focussed

Curious

- *The way that we **implement** this will vary as each child's experiences and learning will be unique to each unique child. Each child comes to us with different experiences and we build upon these. We aim to implement this learning based on each child's interests, which are discovered through observations and our strong relationships with parents/carers. We aim to build warm and positive relationships between children and their key worker, alongside a child centred, enabling environment to support and guide each child's experience.*
- *By the time our children leave we hope our **impact** will mean our children will be:*

Confident

Resilient

Have an understanding of self regulation

Independent

Creative thinkers

Effective communicators

Parents

You are regarded as members of our setting who have full participatory rights. These include a right to be:

- valued and respected
- kept informed
- consulted
- involved
- included at all levels

Children's development and learning

We aim to ensure that each child:

- is in a safe and stimulating environment
- is given generous care and attention, because of our ratio of qualified staff to children, as well as volunteer helpers
- has the chance to join in with other children and adults to live, play, work and learn together
- is helped to take forward her/his learning and development by being helped to build on what she/he already knows and can do

- has a personal key person who makes sure each child makes satisfying progress
- is in a setting that sees parents as partners in helping each child to learn and develop
- is in a setting in which parents help to shape the service it offers

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Provision for the development and learning of children from birth to five years is guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our provision reflects the four overarching principles of the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage* (DfE 2021):

- *A Unique Child*

Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

- *Positive Relationships*

Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

- *Enabling Environments*

Children learn and develop well in enabling environments with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and/or carers.

- *Learning and Development*

- Children develop and learn at different rates. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision including children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

How we provide for learning and development

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by our setting helps children to continue to do this by providing all the children with interesting activities that are appropriate for their age and stage of development.

The Areas of Learning and Development comprise:

- *Prime Areas*
 - Personal, social and emotional development.
 - Physical development.
 - Communication and language.
- *Specific Areas*
 - Literacy.

- Mathematics.
- Understanding the world.
- Expressive arts and design.

For each area, the level of progress that children are expected to have attained by the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage is defined by the Early Learning Goals. These goals state what it is expected that children will know, and be able to do, by the end of the reception year of their education.

We refer to non-statutory curriculum guidance to support our professional judgment as we assess each child's progress and level of development as they progress towards the Early Learning Goals. We have regard to these when we assess children and plan for their learning by creating a curriculum that is ambitious and meets every child's needs. Our educational programmes support children to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need for:

Personal, social and emotional development

- self-regulation
- managing self
- building relationships

Physical development

- gross motor skills
- fine motor skills

Communication and language

- listening, attention and understanding
- speaking

Literacy

- comprehension
- word reading
- writing

Mathematics

- number
- numerical patterns

Understanding the world

- past and present
- people, culture and communities

- the natural world

Expressive arts and design

- creating with materials
- being imaginative and expressive

Our approach to learning and development and assessment

We encourage learners to be curious and creative. Through exploring the children's own curiosities and interests can lead to a greater understanding and desire to learn. Our philosophy ensures children are highly focussed, engaged, resilient problem solvers.

We use the Development Matters to build on to decide what we intend our children to learn and develop. We choose how to implement the curriculum so that all children make progress in the seven areas of learning. We evaluate the impact of the curriculum by checking what they children know and can do. Our aim is to develop, consolidate and deepen their knowledge and understanding to prepare them for their next stage. We use the curriculum to enhance the experience and opportunities that are available to our children, as well as being guided by their own interests.

We want all of our children to leave us being able to speak with confidence and fluency, which will ensure that have strong foundations for future learning, in particular to become a fluent reader. We follow the 'Letters and Sounds' document and mainly focus on embedding Phase 1 phonics and moving onto Phase 2 phonics, if appropriate.

We promote, through play and role – modelling, high levels of respect and confidence. At Five Wents Pre-school we aim for our children to be able to confidently demonstrate their understanding of behaviour rules. We encourage children to reflect upon their feelings and develop their ability to self regulate.

We believe that a rich set of experiences will promote understanding of people, families and communities. We encourage children to reflect on differences to understand that makes them unique.

Being active and playing supports young children's learning and development through doing and talking. This is how children learn to think about and understand the world around them. Our programme is made up of a mixture of activities that children plan and organise for themselves and activities planned and led by practitioners.

Characteristics of effective learning

We understand that all children engage with other people and their environment through the characteristics of effective learning that are described in the Early Years Foundation Stage as:

- playing and exploring - engagement
- active learning - motivation
- creating and thinking critically - thinking

We aim to provide for the characteristics of effective learning by observing how a child engages with learning and being clear about what we can do and provide to support each child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

Assessment

We assess how young children are learning and developing by observing them. We use information that we gain from observations of the children, to understand their progress and where this may be leading them. We believe that parents know their children best and we will ask you to contribute to assessment by sharing information about what your child likes to do at home and how you, as parents, are supporting development.

We undertake assessment summaries at regular intervals, as well as at times of transition, such as when a child moves into a different group or when they go on to school.

The progress check at age two

The Early Years Foundation Stage requires that we supply parents and carers with a short-written summary of their child's development in the three prime areas of learning and development - personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language - when a child is aged between 24 - 36 months. Your child's key person is responsible for completing the check using information from on-going observations carried out as part of our everyday practice, taking account of the views and contributions of parents and other professionals.

Learning journeys

We keep learning journey for each child. Your child's learning journey helps us to celebrate together her/his achievements and to work together to provide what your child needs for her/his well-being and to make progress.

Your child's key person will work in partnership with you to keep this record. To do this you and she/he will collect information about your child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key person to identify your child's progress. Together, we will then decide on how to further support your child's learning and development.

Working together for your children

We maintain the ratio of adults to children in the setting that is set by the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements. We also have volunteer parent helpers, where possible, to complement these ratios. This helps us to:

- give time and attention to each child
- talk with the children about their interests and activities
- help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide
- allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety

The staff who work at our setting are:

Name	Job Title	Qualifications
Sasha Tadman	Owner/Manager Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Paediatric First Aider Emergency First Aider at work (EFAW) SENCO	BA (HONS) in Primary Education with QTS
Candice Graham	Leader of Learning Early Years Educator/Designated Safeguarding Lead Paediatric First Aider	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)
Jenny Waddington	Deputy Manager Early Years Educator/Senco Paediatric First Aider	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)
	Early Years Educator Two Year Old Lead	
Hannah Osborne	Early Years Educator Paediatric First Aider	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Child Care and Education Currently undertaking a Level 3 Apprenticeship
Victoria Giddins	Early Years Educator	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)
Rachel Baynton	Early Years Educator Paediatric First Aider	
Kate Rudd	Early Years Educator	
Susan Sharman	Early Years Educator	CACHE Level 3 NVQ Childcare and Development

We are open weekdays during term time.

Our opening times are 9.15am – 12.15pm and the option of 9am – 2.30pm on Tuesdays.

Children can start with us from 2 years old and stay with us until they start school.

We will provide our term dates in the summer before each academic year starts in September.

How parents take part in the setting

Our setting recognises parents as the first and most important educators of their children. All our staff see themselves as partners with parents in providing care and education for their children. There are many ways in which parents take part in making our setting a welcoming and stimulating place for children and parents, such as:

- exchanging knowledge about their children's needs, activities, interests and progress with our staff
- contributing to the progress check at age two
- helping at sessions of the setting
- sharing their own special interests with the children
- helping to provide and look after the equipment and materials used in the children's play activities
- being part of the management of the setting, where appropriate
- taking part in events and informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the setting
- joining in community activities, in which the setting takes part
- building friendships with other parents in the setting

Joining in

Parents can offer to take part in a session by sharing their own interests and skills with the children. We welcome parents to drop into the setting to see it at work or to speak with the staff/me.

Key person and your child

Our setting uses a key person approach. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom she/he is particularly responsible. Your child's key person will be the person who works with you to make sure that the childcare that we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests. When your child first starts at the setting, she/he will help your child to settle and throughout your child's time at the setting, she/he will help your child to benefit from our activities.

Learning opportunities for adults

As well as gaining childcare qualifications, our staff take part in further training to help them to keep up-to-date with thinking about early years care and education. We also keep up-to-date with best practice, as a member of the Early Years Alliance, through *Under 5* magazine and other publications produced by the Alliance. The current copy of *Under 5* is available for you to read. Occasionally, we hold learning events for parents. These usually look at how adults can help children to learn and develop in their early years.

The setting's timetable and routines

Our setting believes that care and education are equally important in the experience which we offer children. The routines and activities that make up the day in our setting are provided in ways that:

- help each child to feel that she/he is a valued member of the setting
- ensure the safety of each child
- help children to gain from the social experience of being part of a group
- provide children with opportunities to learn and help them to value learning

The session

We organise our sessions so that the children can choose from, and work at, a range of activities and, in doing so, build up their ability to select and work through a task to its completion. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities, which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as helping them to learn to work with others. Outdoor activities contribute to all areas of learning and development, including their health and their knowledge of the world around them. The children have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to take part in outdoor child-chosen and adult-led activities, as well as those provided in the indoor playroom(s).

Snacks

We make snacks social time at which children and adults eat together. We plan the menus for snacks so that they provide the children with healthy and nutritious food. Please tell us about your child's dietary needs, particularly any known allergies or food intolerance and we will plan accordingly.

Clothing

We provide protective clothing for the children when they play with messy activities. We encourage children to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes. Clothing that is easy for them to manage will help them to do this.

Policies

Our staff can explain our policies and procedures to you. Copies of which are available [please visit www.fivewentspreschool.co.uk]

Our policies help us to make sure that the service we provide is of high quality and that being a member of the setting is an enjoyable and beneficial experience for each child and her/his parents.

Our staff and parents work together to adopt the policies and they all have the opportunity to take part in the annual review of the policies. This review helps us to make sure that the policies are enabling our setting to provide a quality service for its members and the local community.

Information we hold about you and your child

We have procedures in place for the recording and sharing of information [data] about you and your child that is compliant with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations (2018) as follows:

The data is [I/we] collect is:

1. processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject [you and your family]
2. collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed for other purposes incompatible with those purposes
3. adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which data is processed
4. accurate and, where necessary, kept up-to-date
5. kept in a form that permits identification of data subjects [you and your family] for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data is processed
6. processed in a way that ensures appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures

When you register your child with us, we will provide you with a privacy notice that gives you further details of how we fulfil our obligations with regard to your data.

Safeguarding children

Our setting has a duty under the law to help safeguard children against suspected or actual 'significant harm'. Our employment practices ensure that people looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their role and help to protect children against the likelihood of abuse in our setting and we have a procedure for managing complaints or allegations against a member of staff.

Our way of working with children and their parents ensures that we are aware of any problems that may emerge and can offer support, including referral to appropriate agencies when necessary, to help families in difficulty.

Special educational needs

To make sure that our provision meets the needs of each individual child, we take account of any special educational needs a child may have. We work to the requirements of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (2015).

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is Jenny Waddington

The management of our setting

The setting is owned and governed by Sasha Tadman

- managing our finances;
- employing and managing our staff;
- making sure that we have, and work to, policies that help us to provide a high quality service; and
- making sure that we work in partnership with parents.

Fees

The fees are currently £12 per session and £22 for all day Tuesday, payable monthly in advance, not in arrears. Fees must still be paid if children are absent without notice for a short period of time. If your child has to be absent over a long period of time, please let me know. An alternative session will be offered if possible.

For your child to keep her/his place at our setting, you must pay the fees. We are in receipt of nursery education funding for two, three and four year olds; where funding is not received, then fees apply.

We also ask for a voluntary contribution of £2-8 per week to cover Simply Lizzie sessions, Concept4Football sessions, snacks, craft activities and sand etc.

Starting at our setting

The first days

We want your child to feel happy and safe with us. To make sure that this is the case, our staff will work with you to decide on how to help your child to settle into the setting. Our policy on the role of the key person and Settling-in can be found on www.fivewentspreschool.co.uk or ask Sasha for a paper copy.

We hope that you and your child enjoy being members of our setting and that you both find taking part in our activities interesting and stimulating. Our staff are always ready and willing to talk with you about your ideas, views or to respond to any questions.