

LYMPSTONE PRESCHOOL

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Free Childcare

Speak to us today about
your

15 or 30 hours FREE
Childcare allowance



Lympstone Preschool is a long established setting based in the heart of the thriving community of Lympstone

We are a charity run Preschool, managed and led by a dedicated team of employed staff, who are supported by our voluntary committee.

Our Preschool offers a friendly, home from home environment, where children feel welcomed and loved in a safe and nurturing environment.

We are a child led setting that follows the Curiosity Approach[®] and the interests of the children, inspiring their sense of awe and wonder in the world.

Practitioners enter into the world of the children, and give them a sense of independence, to be sociable, resilient, and have a voice.

When you leave your child at Lympstone Preschool, you can do so with complete peace of mind knowing that your child is safe with loving and caring staff that treat your child as an individual.

OUR FEE GUIDE

VALID FROM 1ST APRIL 2023. PRICES ARE REVISED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND ANY INCREASES ARE GIVEN IN WRITING A TERM IN ADVANCE.

2 years	3-4 years	Breakfast Club for 5/11yrs	After school Club For 5/11 yrs	Holiday Club For 4-6 yrs
£6.40 per hour	£6.10 per hour	£5.50	£8.25 up until 5pm	£6.10 per hour
Same rate for Breakfast / After school & Holiday Club	Same rate for Breakfast / After school & Holiday Club	7.45am drop off by request.	£11.50 up until 6pm	Fees are charged by the month and are payable in advance. Fees are non refundable for absence/Holidays. we operate on a 4 week notice period for any changes to hours

Our Pre-school times are:
 Monday - Thursday - Friday 5pm close
 Breakfast club 8-9am
 Morning session 9-11.30am
 Lunch Club 11.30-12.30pm
 Afternoon Session 12.30-3pm/3:30pm
 Afterschool Club 3-4/5/6pm



FUNDING INFORMATION

Devon County Council will pay for the part-time education of all children 3 years and over, or 30 hours for working parents (certain criteria needs to be met). The funding starts the term after the child has turned 3. At present, not all 2 year old children qualify for Early Years funding and families will be required to fund places independently unless they meet certain criteria, this however is due to change from April 2024 where working parents will be able to access 15 hours funding. To find out more information on your funding entitlement, please visit the website - www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If your child attends more than one setting, the pre-school will need to know the name of the other settings and how many hours you are planning to use at each setting. Each term the claimed hours will be declared within Devon County's termly headcount form. Please be aware that any overclaims due to incorrect information provided will result in an additional bill being invoiced to the parent/carer.

Please note that eligibility for the 30 hours funding needs to be reapplied for every 3 months and this is the responsibility of the parent - failure to update this may result in funding being withdrawn and parents being liable for a bill from the preschool for attended hours not covered by regular funding.



OUR VISION:

- To enhance the development of children under statutory school age, from the age of 2, in a homely, community based setting.
- To provide a safe, secure, and stimulating environment where children can grow their confidence and independence.
- To work within a framework that ensures equality of opportunities for all children and families.
- To provide a team of staff who are dedicated, and trained to a high standard, so they can offer an excellent standard of provision.
- To foster the early learning skills of creative and critical thinking that enables children to progress with confidence as they move towards starting school.
- To ensure that by the time children come to their final term with us they are ready for the next step into more formal schooling.

A Typical Day at Preschool



We have a flexible approach where we respond to the interests of the children. A typical day looks like this:



- 8-9am Breakfast club.
- 9am - welcome - Straight into free flow play.
- 10am - Healthy snack time.
- 11:30am - Tidy up and circle time, with activities such as story time, yoga, and singsongs.
- 12:00pm - Lunchtime.
- 12:30pm - Naptime for those who need it. For others we move back into free flow play indoors and outdoors.
- 3/3:30pm - Main Preschool day ends.
- 3:30pm Snack time and free flow play.
- 4:30/3:45pm - Tidy up and circle time.
- 5:00pm - Remaining Pre-Schoolers join the Afterschool club for quieter activities.
- 6:00pm - Close.



LUNCHTIME AT PRESCHOOL

Lunchtime is an important social time at the preschool, where children and adults join together around tables. It gives a lovely time for conversation, we encourage the children to take their time and enjoy the opportunity to have a slower pace during their very busy day.

In the lead up to lunch we have a circle time with the children, from there we encourage the children to go to the toilet, before washing their hands and then choosing their place at the lunch tables. Once they are sat, an adult will help them to put their lunch onto a plate, starting with their sandwich or equivalent and then moving onto the other foods.



If your child is staying for lunch they will need to bring their own packed lunch and water bottle. Please name all containers and bottles. We ask that healthy choices are in boxes with no chocolate bars/sweets.

We have a no nut policy that we request you adhered to, as we have children with potentially life threatening allergies.

Example of lunch size portions



2 years lunchbox

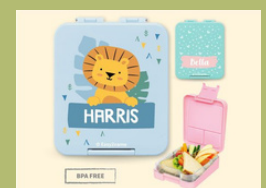


3/4 years lunchbox

During morning and late afternoon sessions, children will be offered a healthy snack. we offer a variety of choices each day ensuring children experience all different tastes and textures. We ask parents in our weekly newsletter to contribute towards this snack with a notice of request for food products.



Please ensure all bottle, containers and lunchboxes are labelled



Our Learning

We know that all children will learn and develop at their own pace, and our setting creates a stress free, unhurried learning environment with key workers who fully understand what motivates and interest their key child.

As an Ofsted registered Preschool, we ensure that we follow the 7 key areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage.

1. Communication & Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social & Emotional Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts & Design



Our environment is set out as a calm, neutral space that allows children to engage in a range of learning opportunities through play following the curiosity approach.[®]

We monitor children development using OPAL (observations of play and learning) an early years assessment tool devised by Barnet Early Years Alliance.

This gives us typical milestones to assess your child's progress. As part of this we will invite you in for a 6 monthly Parents meeting known as a spotlight. In the interim you will receive snapshots of your child's time with us using the online platform Learning Journals. You will receive snapshots of your child's time with us using the online platform Learning Journals.

The Curiosity Approach[®] is a modern day approach to early childhood. It was developed by Lyndsey Hellyn and Stephanie Bennett, taking elements from Reggio, Steiner, Te Whariki and Montessori. What it looks like in our setting is neutral, calm, homely spaces filled with interesting and authentic resources and plenty of loose parts, to ignite their creativity. This continues into our outdoor spaces, where the children have free flow access to most of the time. Most importantly we want to allow children to enjoy their childhood whilst forming meaningful connections.

First Day

Clothing

Please send your child in simple clothing which you do not mind getting messy. It should be suitable for them to handle themselves as we encourage independent toileting.

we suggest at least 3 sets of clothing including socks. Please ensure these are clearly labelled to avoid losses. In addition they will also need an all weather coat, waterproof overalls, wellies, and hat as we spend a large part of our day outside.

To keep our fees lower we do not supply nappies and wipes, please pack these if still needed.



For those who need a nap, please send them with any comforters that they use at home.

Drop off and Collection

Parking for the Preschool is in the village hall. This can be extremely busy at peak times, so we recommend walking if possible.

Please arrive punctually as we often take the children out of the Preschool first thing, if you are running late, or your child is not attending, please let us know prior to their start time. Our preferred method for these communication is Whatsapp on 07395 391052

A named water bottle is a must regardless of the length of the session.

If they are with us between 11:30-12:30 they will need to bring healthy packed lunch



WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR
CHILD INTO OUR PRESCHOOL
SETTING