



# Newchurch Pre-School

## Parent Information

Newchurch Parish Hall  
7-9 Common Lane,  
Culcheth  
WA3 4EH

Tel 01925 321455 or 07980467195

*E-mail:* [contact@newchurchpreschool.com](mailto:contact@newchurchpreschool.com)

[www.newchurchpreschool.com](http://www.newchurchpreschool.com)

## Welcome

At Newchurch Pre-School, we cherish the early years as a vitally important and precious stage of life, which we strive to make enjoyable and enriching for your child. We cater to children from 9 months to school age, aiming to provide a warm, stimulating, happy, and caring environment. Here, your child will embark on a journey of exploration and learning, supported by our friendly and experienced staff who promote confidence, independence, and tailor support to each child's learning progression.

Newchurch Pre-School operates from two dedicated rooms:

- **Toddler Room: For children aged 9 months to 2.5 years.**
- **Pre-School Room: For children aged 2.5 years to school age.**

## Settling in

Recognising that children respond uniquely to new environments, each child is paired with a designated key person who will discuss your child's individual needs and routines with you. The week before your child joins us, we invite you to visit our Pre-School together. This helps everyone get to know each other and eases your child into our setting along with beginning to form a secure attachment with their key person. We recommend a tailored settling-in process based on their individual needs, starting with an hour-long visit where you stay with your child, gradually increasing the time your child spends alone to ensure comfort and familiarity with their key person and the environment. This period allows for flexibility and varies from child to child.

## Communication and parent partnership

We are committed to maintaining strong two-way communication at Newchurch Pre-School, ensuring seamless continuity of care for your child. Weekly updates via Eylog include which stories the children have listened to, plans for the upcoming week, skills development within each group, and notices of upcoming events and celebrations.

We maintain an open-door policy, meaning no appointment is necessary for visits. However, for more in-depth discussions about your child's development with their key person, we are happy to arrange meetings at your convenience.

We occasionally seek parental assistance with activities, collecting resources, to join us on outings and to attend stay and play sessions. We actively encourage your involvement and feedback through Eylog to help us continuously improve our services.

### **Your child's development**

Observations by your child's key worker during routines and planned activities are a core part of our approach, with photographs and updates shared termly on Eylog. This information guides the key person in planning activities that cater to your child's needs and interests, ensuring they make the best possible progress. Developmental assessments are regularly completed and shared with you, both verbally and written during the year, providing opportunities for comprehensive discussions about your child's growth.

### **The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**

Children are guided and assessed through our bespoke curriculum, designed to meet the learning and development requirements of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This framework supports their development from birth until the end of their reception year in primary school. The EYFS specifies the statutory requirements that all early years providers must adhere to and establishes the standards for learning, development, and care for all children in the setting.

Learning and development for the children are assessed across seven areas of learning, initially starting with the three prime areas..

<b>Prime Areas</b>	Personal, Social & Emotional	Communication and Language		Physical Development
<b>Specific Areas</b>	Literacy	Understanding the World	Mathematics	Expressive Arts and Design

Our daily routines are designed to develop understanding and knowledge within the EYFS, using the children's interests and their eagerness to explore

a variety of experiences. Every child in our care will receive comprehensive support to achieve their full potential. Activities are tailored to suit individual needs and abilities, providing opportunities to repeat and practice skills, thereby extending learning and enhancing confidence.

## Our sessions

	Time	Additional Notes
<b>All Day</b>	7:30am - 5:30pm	Breakfast, snack and afternoon tea provided <b>Children required to bring their own healthy packed lunch</b>
<b>Morning Session</b>	7:30am - 12:30pm	Breakfast and snack provided
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	12:30pm - 5:30pm	Afternoon tea provided, <b>Children required to bring their own healthy packed lunch</b>
<b>Short day</b>	9:00am - 3:00pm	Snack provided <b>Children required to bring their own healthy packed lunch</b>
<b>Pre-School half day</b>	Either: 9:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm	Snack provided (am) <b>Children required to bring their own healthy packed lunch(pm)</b>

We are open 49 weeks a year, closing for two weeks at Christmas and on bank holidays. We offer flexible session options, available all year or term-time, depending on availability.

## **Fees and funding**

Our up to date session fees can be found on our website;  
<https://www.newchurchpreschool.com/opening-hours-fee-information>

We offer the early educational funding entitlement for children from 9 months of age, - where you may be eligible for up to 30 hours per week of funding (based on term time) as well as tax free childcare. further information and eligibility checks can be found at; [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or on our website above.

This is eligible from either:

- The following term after turning 9 months
- The term following the receipt of the eligibility code, (if the child's birthday falls mid term, or the code has been applied for mid term)

All 3 & 4 year old children are entitled to 15 hours per week ( based on term time) of funded provision (from the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday) regardless of the household income.

Some 2 year olds may be entitled to 15 hours funding per week (based on term time) - for families who receive additional government support. Please speak to the pre-school manager for more information.

Funding can be used either :

- Stretched - 49 weeks a year
  - Term time - 38 weeks a year
- (Entitlement will be pro rata from 15/30 hours, when stretched is applied)

All funded sessions have a consumable charge applied per hour, Consumables and additional services (including, but not limited to, the cost of breakfast, tea, snacks, nappies, wipes, sun cream Eylog app, Calpol, leaving parties, Christmas parties other consumables) further details and fees available on our website.

### **What to do next;**

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to visit Newchurch Pre-School. Choosing the right setting is a significant decision, and we are here to provide all the information you need. Join us to give your child a joyful and foundational start in their educational journey.

**Thank you for considering Newchurch Pre-School, where our dedicated team is eager to welcome you and your child.**

**Carrie, Kirsty and the Newchurch Pre-School Team**