

# Welcome to Blaydon Pre-School



General information about our nursery routines, introduction of our lovely staff and After School Club/Holiday Club overview.



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## Meet the Team



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All staff are paediatric first aid trained and have also received safeguarding training.  
**Our Nursery**



We have an OFSTED rating of “GOOD” and take pride in providing quality childcare for children aged 2-5 years in our Pre-School and 3-11 years in our out of school clubs.

Our Pre-School is split into two rooms, **Little Blossoms** and **The Willows**.

**Little Blossoms** is for our 2-3 year olds to explore, with access to a lovely outdoor area. In this room we encourage the children to use their own independence with eating, sleeping and hygiene. Toilets are easily accessible through this room as we have many children who begin toilet/potty training. Our staff aim to help each child reach their full potential.

Our staff respect and encourage children to make their own choices, to be curious, to experiment, to discover and ultimately to learn and grow. Our children will have free-flow access (indoor/outdoor) throughout the day with a range of activities to explore. There will be planned adult-led activities which will follow the children’s current interests and are adaptable so that all children can participate in all activities. There will also be child-led activities that children can access themselves and essentially choose their own learning.

**The Willows** is for our 3-4 year olds and is an environment divided into areas which support the children’s individual development. Our key focuses in The Willows room are to develop the children’s language and their social and physical development. We encourage children to do things for themselves by exploring, investigating, watching and listening.

As the children develop throughout the year our focus changes to teaching self-help skills and extending on building self-esteem, furthering language development and communication skills, building vocabulary and preparing children for school.



### **Morning Session: 9am – 12pm**

9am – Pre-School Day starts

9:05 – Free play

10 – Circle Time

10:15 -Snack Time

10:45 – Small group and adult led activities

11:15 - Tidy Up Time

11:20 - Circle Time

11:30 – Lunch Time

12pm - Pick Up

### **Afternoon Session: 12pm – 3pm**

12pm - Drop off

12:30pm - Free Play

13:30 - Small group and adult led activities

14:15 - Snack Time

14:40 - Tidy Up Time

14:45 - Circle Time

15:00 - Pick Up

### **Drop Offs and Pick Ups**

At the start of sessions staff will open the main gate to enable parents to drop their children off to doors of their designated rooms. Parents will then be asked about the child's well-being while they sign the child in.

Parents will then collect children from their child's designated room door and receive a brief handover while they sign the child out.



## **Free Play**

During free play children are able to choose where to play in the nursery, play is child-led with staff there to guide play.

Children can choose from; construction area with building blocks, train tracks and vehicles, reading corner, imaginative play area, arts and crafts, sand/water/sensory play, small world area with character figures and play sets, games area with jigsaws and board games and outdoor play in spacious grounds with a variety of toys, outdoor equipment and our Forestry School area.

## **Circle Time**

At circle time children are asked to sit in the quiet corner with a staff member leading a welcome or end of session activity, singing songs, talking as a group and reading stories.

## **Small group and adult-led activities**

Each day there is at least one adult-led activity that the children can take part in. This is linked to the theme they are learning about and the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Staff run these activities with small groups or on a one to one basis with children. Wherever possible these activities involve an element of outdoor play.

## **Snacks and Lunches**

We work to promote healthy eating at nursery and encourage children to try new foods and develop their interest in cooking and meal times.

We ask that children arriving at 9am have had some breakfast before they arrive, if for any reason they haven't please let a staff member know (we know mornings can be busy!).

Children will be offered a portion of fresh fruit or vegetables at snack time.



### **Lunch Time – 11:30am**

Children attending morning and full day sessions need to bring a packed lunch. It's really helpful if parents can label lunch boxes and water bottles.

We ask that parents do not pack sweets or chocolate bars in lunch boxes. We also ask that parents avoid any nut products (including nut-based chocolate spreads).

### **My Learning Journal – Nursery App**

We use a parent friendly app called "My Learning Journal" to record children's progress, document activities they have taken part in and keep in touch with parents.

Parents/carers whose email details we have will be sent a link to download the app and create their own log in. This is a great way for parents to find out what their child has been doing during the day and any extra information which might need to be shared.

All children are allocated a key worker from the team who perform regular observations and termly reports on each child which are all shared on Famly. Parents are able to see who their child's keyworker is on the app.

Parents can also send us messages, pictures and info through the app. The app is a quick, simple way of encouraging better communication between us and you and it helps us to continue to provide the high level of care and education that we do.

### **Uniform**

Pre-School is optional but recommended.  
You can order it from [www.saltouk.com](http://www.saltouk.com).



## After School Club/ Holiday Club

After School Club is available for Nursery children aged 3 years and up, for £12 per night from 3pm-6pm.

Children are also collected from the following schools in our mini-bus: St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and Blaydon West Primary School.

### **3:30pm-4:30pm Light snack**

Children are offered a light snack of things like wraps, toast, pasta, toasted bagels and sandwiches.

### **4:30pm – 6pm Fun Time!**

We offer a variety of activities for children and vary and adapt these to suit each child's age, needs and preferences.

We have use of a pre-school nursery, a kitchen area, an outdoor play space, outdoor sports field and nature trails.

### **Activities include;**

Baking/cooking, arts and crafts, sensory play, games, puzzles and jigsaws, imaginary play, computer time, outdoor play and sports, gardening and nature walks, dancing and gymnastics.



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