



Weetwood Pre-school Frequently Asked Questions

Weetwood Primary School Pre-school Information

Welcome to Weetwood Pre-school

We are delighted that you are thinking of joining us here at Weetwood Pre-school. Please find the answers to many frequently asked questions below.

If you have anymore questions that we haven't answered please contact the school on 0113 3230450 or email woosc@weetwoodprimary.co.uk

- **Is Weetwood Pre-school part of the school?**

We are an Educational Pre-school and are part of Weetwood Primary School's Foundation Stage Unit. We work closely with the Reception class, sharing our outdoor space and many other resources. We take part in many of the activities that are running through the school, such as special theme days and have access to the school hall and other areas of the school buildings and grounds.

- **Will coming to Weetwood Pre-school guarantee me a place at Weetwood Primary School?**

Unfortunately, attending our Pre-school does not guarantee a place at this school. All school places are offered through Leeds City Council's school admission process, even for those who have siblings at the school. However, many of our children go to local schools together once they are of school age and the Pre-school staff ensure a smooth transition to whichever school they attend.

- **Who will be working with my child?**

Our Preschool is run by an experienced teacher and many other experienced teaching practitioners. We operate a Key Worker system, where your child will be assigned to a special adult in the setting. Your child will spend time with their Key Worker at least once a day.

- **When can my child start Pre-school?**

Your child can start Pre-school from 3 years old. To support children settling into the preschool, we aim to start children at the beginning of a term, although this can be flexible. When your child starts, a series of settling in sessions will be arranged to allow your child to get used to the setting and the new people.

- **How many sessions or hours can my child attend?**

We offer a fully flexible system and can offer from 15-30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. Extra paid for sessions can be booked. For further details, please email woosc@weetwoodprimary.co.uk or check out www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk for more information.

Our sessions run as mornings, afternoons or full days and we can offer a bespoke arrangement as required as long as spaces allow. The session times run as follows:

Full Days 9.00am -3.00pm

Mornings 9.00am - 12.00pm, which includes lunch time.

Afternoons 12.00pm – 3.00pm.

Please be aware that Pre-school does close at 3.00pm and all children should be collected by 3.00. If you are going to be late to collect your child, please contact school as soon as possible. Late fees will be issued for children are collected late on several occasions.

- **Does Weetwood Pre-school offer a ‘Wrap Around Care System?’**

Yes – lots of the Pre-school children attend our before school, Breakfast club which runs from 7:30am until 9:00am and our After-school club which runs from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. We also run a holiday club during school holidays from 8am-6pm. For further information please visit the holiday club tab on www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk. These provisions are not included in the 15/30 Government funded hours.

- **Does my child have to come to all of their sessions?**

Most children will want to come to our Pre-school for all of their entitled provision, but you may decide from time to time to have family time too or need to attend medical or other appointments. We just ask that you send a Dojo message to the Pre-school teacher to say if you are going to be away. We encourage all children to attend for full sessions, arriving on time and collected at the end of the session. We do understand that in some circumstances, children may arrive at a later time or be collected earlier and just ask that the school is informed of this and you report to the school office when you arrive.

- **Does my child have to be toilet trained?**

We expect children to come into Pre-school fully toilet trained, wearing cotton pants not nappies or pull ups. However, we do appreciate that young children do still have accidents from time to time. We ask that all children have a complete change of clothing at school, just in case and if your child is still prone to accidents, please ensure you have sufficient clothing (especially underwear) in their bag to cover this.

- **What are the meal arrangements?**

We offer school lunches, to be paid for, or your child may prefer to bring a packed lunch. Please ensure any school lunches are chosen by 8.50am via our School Grid app. All of Pre-school go to the school lunch hall to eat before the rest of the school. We are a nut free environment, which does include Nutella (and other chocolate spreads) and Pesto. We cater for children with food intolerances and allergies and it is imperative that you let school staff know of any dietary requirements.

In addition, milk and fruit are available throughout the day, for children to access as they require and an additional snack is offered towards the end of the day.

All children should bring a water bottle each day, which they can access at any time.

- **What type of clothing should my child wear?**

Although Pre-school children are not required to wear uniform, many children choose to wear the school colours of red and grey. We do also have a range of 'Weetwood Pre-school' branded clothing that you may wish to purchase. Our branded Pre-school uniform can be purchased from here:

<https://www.school-uniforms.co.uk/find-your-school/weetwood-pre-school.html>

Whatever you choose to dress your child in, we ask that they come to Pre-school in practical clothing that can be pulled up and down easily, especially for toileting purpose. Loose fitting clothing with elasticated waist are much more practical than buttons and zips. They will also require shoes that can be slipped on or off with ease. Velcro shoes are much more practical than lace up shoes.

We encourage our children to become as independent as possible, but of course we will support them where needed. We have all sorts of messy and wet play and do have some spare clothes, but we ask you to provide spare clothes to change into, including wellies so they may access all of our provision, regardless of weather.

- **What will my child be learning and how are they assessed?**

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which covers the children's learning journey, from birth to the end of the Reception year. We follow a clear curriculum, planned out for the year to ensure the children get a broad and balanced curriculum. Wherever possible, we follow the needs and interests of individual children, picking up on these through general observations in class and those interests followed at home.

Much of the time, children have access to free play and a 'continuous provision', where the outside doors are always open. We share daily news, snack time and have some adult lead tasks where the children learn in small groups throughout the day.

We record individual observations for the children using the portfolio section on Class Dojo and will share what we have been doing in Pre-school on Class story. We invite you to share their interests and learning too onto their Class Dojo portfolio to support your child's development.

Children at Weetwood Pre-school are assessed, through observations during play, conversations with children and adults and focused adult tasks, throughout the year. We track the progress of every child on a detailed bespoke assessment grid for Weetwood Pre-school which will be shared with the child's new class teacher.

- **How will I know what my child is doing in Pre-school?**

Our school messaging service, Class Dojo, is the most effective way of keeping up to date with what is happening in Pre-school and the school as a whole. The Pre-school teacher will post regular updates and photos about what has been happening in Preschool.

We also hold termly 'Stay and Play' and 'Share our Learning' session where we encourage you to come spend some time with your child in the Pre-school setting to see what they have been doing.

- **How do I contact the preschool?**

Pre-school staff are always available for a quick chat at 'drop off' or 'pick up' times, but if you need to contact the teacher, you can use our school messaging service, **Dojo**, where you can message the class teacher privately. Please see the school's 'Home School Communication Policy' for other ways you can connect the school.

https://www.weetwoodschool.co.uk/_files/ugd/ae83b8_59404c2b772f45c5a805a1628cd7cc0d.pdf

Above all, we would like your child to enjoy coming to our Pre-school and feel valued so they may learn in a loving, exciting, interesting and safe environment and that our learning here is a real partnership between home and school.

If you do have any further queries, please feel free to contact us!

