



Ardley Hill Pre School

Learning for life

Application Information

I am delighted to introduce you to our Pre School.

At Ardley Hill Pre School, we understand that choosing the right childcare can be a daunting and emotional experience, which is why we create a warm, friendly and welcoming environment and ensure the needs of your child are always our priority. Our qualified and experienced staff are dedicated to ensuring your child has the best start in life.

Play is an important part of our approach towards learning and development. Our range of activities and facilities fully support the Early Years Foundation including our messy play and quiet time area, growing garden and small group room. All of our children have access to a secure outdoor play area.

Ardley Hill Pre School is Ofsted registered and cares for children from 2 years to pre-school age. 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) from 8.50-3.45pm

If you have not yet visited our Pre School or you would like more information about our setting, Please contact me on 01582 667955 or preschool@ardleyhill.org.uk

Claire Greaves
Pre School Manager

Caterpillars Room

For our 2 to 3 year olds, we combine child-led play with adult-initiated learning, which encourages your child to develop creativity, caring for others and social skills. We consider every activity to be a learning opportunity – sorting shapes and sizes introduces early mathematics, enjoying rhymes, singing and music encourages language development and painting, mark making and messy play stimulate creativity.

Nappy Changing and Toilet Training

Children do not need to be toilet trained to attend our Pre School. Parents/carers are asked to provide nappies, and wipes. When the time comes to start toilet training we will work with you and your child to help them adapt confidently to this new experience, encouraging them to take responsibility for their own hygiene and promoting the importance of correct hand washing.

Butterflies Room

Pre School is an important milestone for children. At Ardley Hill Pre School we prepare our older children so that they are ready for school. We work closely with the 4+ at Ardley Hill Academy and other Lower/Primary schools to ensure a smooth transition.

We use the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** to structure our daily activities.

Improving social development, communication and interaction skills are a key focus and we encourage the children to engage in organised activities that are specifically designed to enhance their development.

Learning Through Play & the EYFS

Ardley Hill Pre School provides a range of activities, role play and social development skills, that are specifically designed to encourage independence and understanding of their surroundings and one another.

The EYFS framework enables us to assess your child's progress in their key development areas:

- **Communication and language**
- **Physical development**
- **Personal, social and emotional development**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the world**
- **Expressive arts and designs**

Children's Profiles

In order to keep a record of your child's time and progress at Ardley Hill Pre School we use 2 Simple (2 Build a Profile) an online learning journal. Using Ipods staff are able to instantly record and report on your child's special moments and achievements and link them to your child's own profile.

You are always very welcome to discuss your child's learning journey with your child's key worker at any time. We hold 3 parents' evenings a year, so that you have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements in more detail.

Key Person

Every child is assigned to a Key person, one specific person who is responsible for ensuring the care and safety of your children and for reviewing and monitoring their development and wellbeing as they settle into our Pre School.

Snack and lunch times

Snack time and lunch time provide a great learning opportunity. The children sit together, helping to encourage sharing, positive social interaction, table manners and an appreciation for healthy food. At snack time the children serve themselves.

Qualified, Experienced & Friendly Staff

We are very proud of our experienced, diverse and committed staff team. The majority of our staff team are qualified to level 3 and all hold Paediatric First Aid, Basic Food Hygiene and Safe guarding qualifications.

Outdoor Area

Both rooms benefit from a secure playground as well as sharing a large grass area. We also have use of the Academy's 2 large playing fields and playground which is great for riding bikes and scooters.

Policies and Procedures

If you wish to read any of our policies and procedures please visit the Ardley Hill Academy website www.ardleyhill.org.uk

Settling into Pre School

Once you have returned your application form you will receive a letter confirming your child's place. Prior to starting with us the Manager or Deputy and your child's key worker will carry out a home visit. You and your child will also be invited to a settling in visit here at Pre School. If there are any events planned during this time such as open days you will also welcome to come along.

Session times and Fees

		2 Year Olds	3&4 year olds
Morning session	8.50-11.50am	£14.25	£12.75
Afternoon session	12.45-3.45pm	£14.25	£12.75
Lunch Club	11.50-12.45pm	£4.75	£4.25
5 hour session	8.50-1.50pm	£23.75	£21.25
6 hour session	8.50-2.50pm	£28.50	£25.50
All day session	8.50-3.45pm	£33.25	£29.75

Funding

Funding is available for up to 15 hours of childcare per week for 2 year olds whose families meet one of the following criteria:

They receive

- Income Support,
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance,
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance,
- Child Tax Credits or Working Tax Credits and have an annual gross earnings of no more than £16,190,
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit o
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Or they have a two year old child who

- Has a current statement of SEN or an Education, Health Care Plan,
- Receives Disability Living Allowance,
- Has left care through special guardianship or through an adoption or residence order
- Is a looked after Child

If you think you might be eligible to receive this funding please ask me for an application form.

All three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free early education for 38 weeks of the year (known as the free entitlement). Children become eligible for the free hours from 1 September, 1 January or 1 April (the start of term) following their third birthday. They remain eligible until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday, though in practice most children now start school before this)

30 Hours Funding for 3 and 4 Year Olds

From September 2017, the government's new 30 hours childcare entitlement is coming into place. Ardley Hill Pre School will be offering the 30 hours childcare to as many parents as we can.

To find out if you are eligible for this funding please follow this link

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>