



Bishop Sutton Pre-School & Forest Club



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Prospectus

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Welcome to Bishop Sutton Pre-School & Forest Club

A lot of things have changed in the world since Bishop Sutton Pre-School was first established way back in 1969 in the schoolroom at the Methodist Hall, but although it is a long time some things never change, and our commitment to the children is one of them. A dedicated team of staff and strong roots in the community have always been our strengths and they continue to help us nurture the young minds of local children and help them reach their own unique potential.

Pre-School has been based in the old schoolroom in Bishop Sutton since it began and our location and facilities are among our biggest assets. With a spacious school room and two lovely outdoor play areas we can offer children that all-important space to run around, explore and learn through play, While parents can rest assured that their children are safe, secure and most importantly, happy.

We think our pre-school is pretty special and judging by the smiles and laughter that dominate our day the children think so too. But don't take our word for it – come and see for yourself. Parents and Carers are always welcome to come and have a look around.

ABOUT US

Bishop Sutton Pre-School is a registered charity and a member of the Early Years Alliance (EYA). We are part of the Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) Early Years Partnership and have excellent links with local primary schools and other Early Years providers.

'We believe that every child matters and our aim, in everything we do, is to allow them to enhance their development and education in a safe, secure and stimulating environment.'

A FEW 'OUTSTANDING' WORDS FROM OFSTED ...

We are registered with OFSTED under the Children Act 1989 and as such are inspected regularly.

Being judged as 'Outstanding' in both of our groups – the 'Pre-school' and our 'Forest Club'.

Copies of both of our reports are available at Pre-school or can be viewed on the OFSTED website. Here are a few of the inspector's wonderful comments...

"The managers and staff are a highly experienced, knowledgeable and effective team. They have an outstanding knowledge of how children learn and they ensure that all children make rapid progress relative to their starting points". (Pre-school)

"The staff are highly effective role models for respectful behaviour. Children learn to share and take turns; their behaviour is excellent". (Pre-School)

"Children thrive on the challenge, support and care that the staff provide; they are exceptionally confident, active and self-motivated learners". (Pre-School)

"Parents are full of praise for the pre-school. They say that their children are extremely happy and settle very quickly. Parents are impressed by how very eager their children are to attend each day and with the excellent progress they make". (Pre-School)

"The managers are exceptionally committed to making the benefits of outdoor learning available to all children. Their skilful practice is recognised as exemplary within the county". (Forest Club)

"The knowledgeable staff have extremely high expectations of what children can achieve. Staff provide a vast range of highly challenging opportunities for learning in all areas of the curriculum. Children are highly motivated, eager to explore and develop a great love for learning". (Forest Club)

"Children learn from the very caring staff and demonstrate much care and kindness towards each other, which is delightful to see". (Forest Club)

Staffing

Name	Position	Qualification
Lin Oakley	Joint Manager	PSLA Diploma in Pre-School Practice 1997
Kate Miller	Joint Manager & SENCo	PGCE and PGDip Early Years Teacher Status
Joanne Monelle	Deputy Manager	Edexcel NVQ/Childcare (Early Years)
Becca Sweet	Assistant Manager & SENCo Advisor	Edexcel BTEC National Diploma
Rachel Cooper	Pre-School Practitioner	BA (HONS) Teacher Training Primary
Jennie Gericke	Pre-School Practitioner	Edexcel NVQ in Childcare Learning & Development
Heather Harmer	Pre-School Practitioner	Diploma in Early Learning & Childcare for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce 2013 (CYPW)
Sarah Naylor	Pre-School Practitioner	(Currently training)
Hannah Moores	Pre-School Practitioner	(Currently training)
Sarah Waddington	Staff cover	

Our weekly opening times:

Monday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 11.30am - Forest Club

Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm

Your child can attend our Pre-school for 2.5 hour sessions / 3.5 hour sessions (including lunch) or whole days.

Picking-up time:

Whilst our normal finishing time is 3.30pm we are aware that some parents will have to collect siblings from primary schools with varying finish times, so with that in mind we can arrange collection times to suit you between 3.00pm & 3.30pm.

Lunch Time:

The children bring their own packed lunch and drink. The children enjoy sitting down together and socialising while they eat, and we use this time to talk with them and discuss healthy eating in an informal setting.

WHAT WE OFFER YOUR CHILD

We believe that the most important thing we can offer your child is fun and friendship. A friendly and welcoming environment and the individual care and attention made possible for us to combine fun and learning so that your child enjoys every moment of their time with us.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which sets out the standards for Learning Development and Care for children from birth to five. This is heavily centred on child initiated learning. We use children's interests, passions and desires to plan and create an appealing, relevant and inspiring learning environment.

"It is important to remember that no plan that is written weeks in advance can include a group's interest in a spider's web on a frosty morning or a particular child's interest in transporting small objects in a favourite blue bucket. These interests can lead to some powerful learning" (*source DCSF Early Years Foundation Stage May 2008*)

We also have 'show and tell' opportunities, where children are encouraged to bring an item to talk about. This also helps us to discover more about your child and their current interests.

Letters & Sounds: 'Jolly Phonics' and 'Read Write Inc' are taught, which familiarises the children with the letter names, sounds and characters from these schemes. helping to prepare them for school.

Facilities:

As well as our spacious, dedicated school room we have two outside play areas. The front area is grassed – lovely for spontaneous outdoor activities and the fenced back area, which is hard landscaped, plus a little tranquil seating and table area with plants. The large area is particularly suitable for running, riding on bikes, climbing equipment, obstacle courses and den making, plus many more open-ended and exploratory resources that the children can access from our resources sheds, to continue their rich learning opportunities outdoors. We open up the outside for most of each session, even on colder and wet days. So we ask parents/carers to make sure children bring a coat and/or jumper to put on if needed, to wear under the waterproofs if required.

Activities on offer at each session include:

Home corner	Paint, glue and messy activities	Mark Making	Mud Kitchen
Dressing up	Story Making	Accessible resources	Garden area
Dramatic role Play area	Books and cosy corner	Climbing & balancing	Discovery areas
Songs and rhymes	Construction and building activities	Outdoor play	Den building
CD player & CD'	Musical instruments	Sand and water	Loose parts
Laptop and ICT toys	Problem solving	Small world toys	Free choice play
Gravel/digging area	Books and Stories	Free flow indoors/outdoors	

Key Person:

Our Key Person system gives each member of staff particular responsibility for just a few children. Each child has one special adult to relate to, which makes settling into the group much easier for your child and will maintain links with you to make sure your child is well supported in reaching their full potential.

Learning Diaries:

Our Learning Diaries are an innovation that really captures the imagination. Especially popular with both Parents/Carers and the children. The diaries are a record system in which regular observations of the children are made. They are an opportunity for you to get an insight into your child's life at Pre-School and a lasting reminder of their time at Pre-School for you child. Starting from their interest we make written observations, and include many photographs showing your child's progress and achievements. It can be anything from a snippet of a conversation to a learning process that may not have an end result. Parental input is welcomed and valued.

The Learning Diary is your property, and is kept at Pre-School (though we do offer for you to take them home to look at and share with your child) It will be given to you to keep when your child leaves us to go to school.

Progress Check at age two:

The EYFS requires that we supply Parents/carers with a written summary of their child's development in the three prime areas of learning and development; Personal, Social & Emotional, Physical Development and Communication & Language. Your child's Key Person will complete this using information from observational assessments carried out as part of our everyday practice, taking account of the views and contributions of parents and other professionals.

Special Needs:

We run with a high ratio of adults to children. This enables us to provide quality attention for all children. Each child is able to progress at his or her own rate in all areas of development, and this is true for children with or without disabilities or learning difficulties. Our staff are experienced in working closely with professionals across the range of special needs, please talk to Kate Miller (our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) or your child's Key Person.

Food:

To make sure they have enough energy to get the most out of Pre-school the children are given a drink of milk (unless specifically requested otherwise) and a healthy snack part way each session. Snacks vary and children will be introduced to foods from a range of cultures and countries

PARENTS & CARERS

As parents and carers, you are the child's first teacher and the support and encouragement you provide are important, especially through the early years of a child's educational life. We look forward to working closely with you. Parents are welcome to:

- Contribute to their child's Learning Diary
- Take part in the management of Pre-school
- Assist with fund raising
- Represent the Pre-school at branch and country activities of the Early Years Alliance
- Attend open meetings of the Early Years Alliance
- Attend training courses, workshops and conferences organised by B&NES and the Early Years Alliance.

Clothing:

Sweatshirts and T-shirts with the pre-school logo can be ordered, though they are not compulsory and children are welcome to wear whatever they like, although parents are advised that paint, glue, water and mud (!) are provided daily, so clean clothes cannot be guaranteed. We therefore ask that children are suitably dressed.

As it is good for children to practise the skills that will make them independent simple clothes that they can handle is a good idea. A spare pair of clothes in a named bag is also useful for any little accidents! We provide wet weather gear for water play and rainy days and ask that you provide your child with suitable a warm winter coat on colder days.



Bishop Sutton Pre-School Forest Club

Forest School is about exploring and experiencing the natural world through practical activities. The children go out in all weathers, all year round, exploring and learning from the seasons and changes in the environment.

Forest Club's learning environment provides opportunities for children to develop self-confidence, to form positive relationships with others, to learn to co-operate and work with the other children and adults and to develop strategies in order to take risks within the boundaries of safety.

Activities will include: Dens and building, bug hunting, collecting, sorting and problem solving. Mark making, drawing and maps. Using tools. Mud Kitchen. Listening, singing, stories & rhymes, and Story Making. Kelly kettles and campfires. Noting and exploring the changes in the seasons. Investigating all the natural flora and fauna in the environment. Observing growth and decay.

Bishop Sutton Pre-School Forest Club is located in the wonderful conservation area within the grounds of Bishop Sutton Primary School.

To be eligible to attend Bishop Sutton Forest Club your child must be in their 'Pre-School' year and currently attending, or also attend, Bishop Sutton Pre-School

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER, ONLY BAD CLOTHING!

FEES AND GRANTS

Our fees are currently £4.60 per hour.

Once in receipt of the EYE (Early Years Entitlement), there is a charge of £2.00 per session for consumables. We also have a 'Green Space' charge of £2.50 per session for our Forest Club.

Fees are payable termly and are non-refundable for casual absences. Staffing is arranged to ensure correct adult to child ratios, therefore we require a full terms notice should your child no longer need a place.

Fees due will be billed and payable during this period. In cases of prolonged absence or hospitalisation, Parents should consult the committee about fee payment.

A late payment fee of £20 is charged for fees that remain unpaid after 30 days of the invoice date. Persistent non-payment will mean loss of place.

If you would like to discuss payment options, please speak to one of the Pre-School Managers.

We charge an initial **£25.00 Administration fee** for all new starters.

We offer **Ad hoc sessions**, space permitting, which is charged at £5 per hour – please see a member of staff for availability.

Early Years Entitlement

From the term after your child's 3rd birthday the Government contributes a grant towards your child's education.

We at Bishop Sutton Pre-School & Forest Club offer the Universal **15 hour Early Years Entitlement**. We do not offer the Extended Entitlement of 30 hours. We charge for any additional hours taken with us over the 15 hours per week entitlement, unless you are eligible for the 30 hours Entitlement. You can use this over 3 providers, or you can nominate which group receives the grant. To see if you are eligible please check this information with HMRC at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Our setting is also registered to receive the 2 Year Old Funding for children who meet the Local Authority's eligibility criteria.

OTHER INFORMATION

Clothes:

Removable garments should be clearly labelled, as the committee accepts no responsibility for lost items.

Sun Cream:

During the summer we ask that your child is adequately protected with sun-screen which has been applied at home. As and when necessary we will re-apply sun-screen. We use the Pre-School sun-screen, or alternatively you may provide your own sun-screen which will need to be clearly named.

Lunch Boxes:

We promote healthy eating by encouraging the children to eat sandwiches, fruit and yogurts etc first. Please be aware that foods such as cherry tomatoes and grapes may be a choking hazard and we recommend cutting them in half, length ways, before adding them to their lunch box. Lunch boxes must be clearly named and where parents require foods to be refrigerated they must be labelled and handed to a member of staff. We ask you to place the lunch boxes in the lunch trolley in the lobby when you arrive.

Illness/Immunisations:

We prefer children to have been immunised against Diphtheria, Polio and Tetanus and SHOULD NOT attend if suffering from in infectious diseases or conditions.

Management and administration

The Pre-school is run by an elected committee which ensures that major decision making is in the hands of the parents who use the group. All members of the committee undertake Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. The committee is responsible for reviewing both policy and practice, and the employment and appraisal of members of staff. Our Annual General Meeting, at which the committee for the following year are elected, is held in July. Parents will be informed in good time so they are able to attend. The roles of committee members are displayed on the notice board at Pre-school.

Please let us know if you would like to join our committee or help at fundraising events.

Policies

We have policies available at Pre-school, or copies on request, on the following areas:

Safeguarding Children	Partnership with Parents/Carers	Biting
Admissions	Policy and Practise	Complaints
Confidentiality	Health and Hygiene	Employment
Inclusion	Settling in Pre-school	Behaviour Regulation
Equal Opportunities	Record Keeping	Induction and Training
Supporting Children with	Whistle Blowing	Cameras/Mobile Phones
Special Educational Needs	Selecting Play Equipment & Toys	Student Placement
Safety	Forest Club	Fees
Covid-19		

APPLICATIONS

How to apply:

Please request an 'Application to Join' form. Completed forms should be returned to the address below or emailed to bsps@hotmail.co.uk

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Admissions:

Places are allocated termly to children in order of date of birth, rather than first come first-served basis.

Your child's name will be added to the waiting list when we have your completed 'Application To Join' form and we will contact you when a place for your child becomes available. We will then ask you to complete a 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' to confirm your child's place at Pre-school.