

## What if you don't feel well?



If you become unwell in pre-school, you will go to the school office where you can sit or lie down until your parent can come and take you home.

Staff will always try to contact you first and then the emergency contact. It is important that your contact numbers and emergency contact numbers are kept up-to-date. If your child is unwell please keep them off until they are fit and well enough to return (symptoms should be clear for 24 or in the case of sickness and diarrhoea 48 hours). The busy, and often noisy, environment of the setting is not the place for a child who is feeling poorly. Please ring the school to let us know that your child will be absent.

# Newtyle Pre-School



## Welcome Booklet

2011/2012

# Welcome to our Pre-School



Pre-school Session:  
12.45—3.15 p.m.

Pre-school will start and end promptly at the above time

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our pre school class.

We aim to work in conjunction with you to build upon your child's existing interests and capabilities. To help us achieve this you will be invited into pre-school during your child's first six weeks for a chat and to complete section 2 of the 'My World' booklet, to help us get to know your child as a unique individual. This will enable us to plan for his or her learning experiences and ensure that your child's needs and interests are at the centre of everything we do.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and appreciate your support in helping us to get to know you better.

You can have a snack...



You will be able to choose a healthy snack each day including cereals, toast, cheese and fruit as well as water or milk to drink. Remember to wash your hands first though!

You can get your own snack and pour your own drinks then put the dishes and cutlery in the dishwasher afterwards.

Sometimes you'll get to taste different foods when we celebrate different festivals and special occasions throughout the year. You will have a chance to try some cooking and baking activities as well. For this reason we ask your parents to pay £1.50 weekly, some of which will go towards our toy fund. The snack menu for the week is displayed on the notice board.

## This is what you'll have in pre-school



You will have your own coat peg labelled with your name card where you can hang your coat, and also hang a spare change of clothing and footwear.

You will also have your own tray where you can keep your drawings and pictures and letters for your parents (Parents-please check trays regularly as information and letters will be placed here!)

Your parent's can prepare for pre-school by helping you to learn how to dress yourself and put on your shoes. In pre-school you will be encouraged to try to do lots of things for yourself-but there will always be a grown-up there to help you if you get stuck.

## Useful information

This booklet is designed for you to use with your child to help ease the transition between home and pre-school. Please take a few moments of your time to share this booklet with your child to help you familiarise yourselves with what to expect when you join us. For more detailed information about our pre-school class please see our parents handbook. In addition to this our policies and reports are available to view in the pre-school cloakroom area. We are committed to working in partnership with children and parents and recognise the vital importance of sharing information between home and pre-school. You will receive information about your child and pre-school in a variety of ways such as our information board, notice board, newsletters as well as the children's own progress book (Wiggly books). It is important that you read these regularly to ensure that you are fully informed of what is going on in pre-school. We are always on hand and want to help you and your child through their pre school years. If you have any questions, queries or information you would like to share please do not hesitate to talk to any member of staff who will be happy to help.

These are the people you will see in pre-school.



Mrs Christie  
Early Years  
Practitioner



Miss Glen  
Early Years  
Practitioner

Here are other people you may see at school.



Mrs Peters  
Head Teacher



Sue Sherriff  
School secretary



Mrs Lemanczyk  
Senior Early Years  
Practitioner

This is what you'll need to wear at pre-school



Your child will need comfortable, practical clothing that they can manage for themselves. As we encourage independence please avoid clothing with tricky fasteners, if possible. We ask that you provide your child with a change of clothes in case any 'mishaps' should occur. Aprons are provided for the "messier" activities in the classroom, but accidents can happen, so best clothes should still be avoided. Children should also have a pair of gym shoes with velcro fastenings for indoor wear and a pair of "wellies" for outdoors. An important part of the pre-school experience is outdoor play so please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing for the season like cosy jackets, hats and gloves for winter and sun-hats and sun cream should be applied before pre-school in Summer.



**Please label all items of clothing and footwear!**



## What if your child doesn't want to go to pre-school?

It is very important that your child experiences a positive start to pre-school. We hope that you will be able to stay to see your child settle. Some children take longer than others to part from their parents/ carers but staff are well aware of this and are more than willing to ease the situation.

There may be times when your child, for whatever reason does not want to come to pre-school. There can be a variety of reasons for this but please get in touch with staff quickly if there is a worry or problem, so that we can work together to resolve the situation which may be upsetting for both you and your child.

### Important reminder

Please ensure that you inform us if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child. If staff are not informed and do not know of changes in arrangement your child may not be released.

Only person of 16 years and over can bring or collect a child from pre-school .

Here are some of the things you might like to do in pre-school.



# Let the fun begin!

## The pre-school day...

When you come in you'll get your card and put it on the fridge. You can share your news with us and listen to what's on offer in the classroom.



Parents-please ensure your child arrives on time or they will miss out on this important part of the day.

**Free Play** - There are lots of activities around the classroom such as arts and crafts, books, music, construction, different imaginative play and lots more. You can choose from lots of fun activities that will help you to explore, learn new things and make friends. Staff listen and work closely with children to ensure that activities meet individual needs and interests.



There is always a chance for a good run about either outdoors or in the gym hall. We try to go outside whenever we can, so make sure you always have cosy clothes when it's cold, and wellies and a sun hat in the summer time.

**Circle Time** — At the end of the day we always tidy up before we sit down together. During this time you will listen to a story, play instruments, have circle games or sing songs and do action rhymes. Then it's time to get ready to go home.



Your parents can find out more about your activities by looking at the displays of your work in and around pre-school and by reading the range of information on the parent's board, going home book and your

