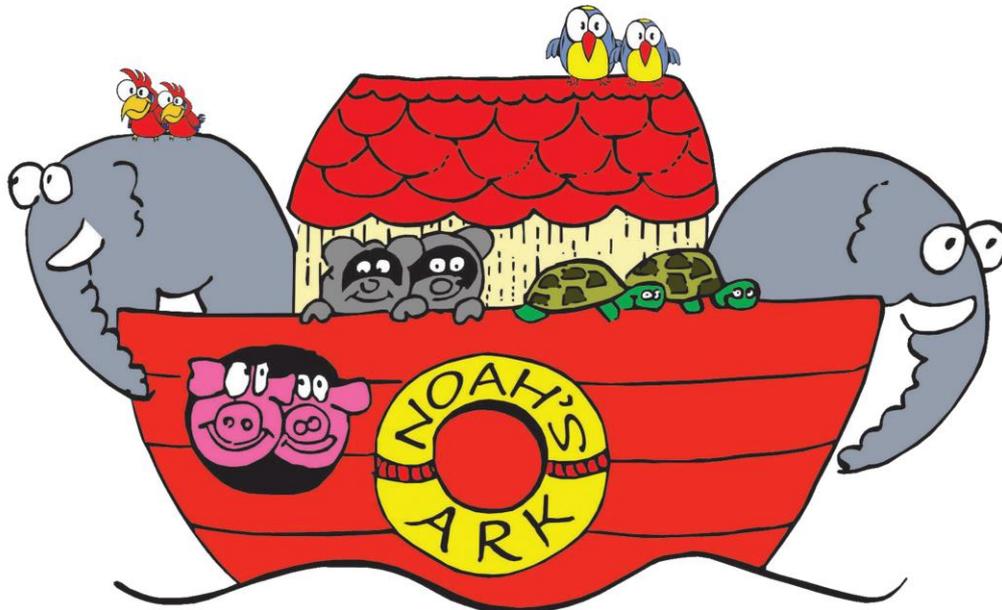


NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

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PRESCHOOL

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Welcome to Noah's Ark Preschool

Noah's Ark Preschool is based in the 'School Room' to the rear of Cullompton Baptist Church, in the High Street Cullompton. There is a secure and secluded outside all weather play area for the children to enjoy all year round. We welcome all families to our group from all cultures and religions. At the end of the Autumn and Summer terms we hold a short concert in the Church - which is sensitive to the Christian Faith, for the children to take part in.

We offer a friendly, homely, caring and supportive environment for your child to thrive in the early years before starting school.

You are very welcome to visit us at any time our sign is outside, to see our extensive facilities and meet our experienced and caring staff team.

Aims of the Preschool

Our aim at Noah's Ark Preschool is to give each child a wide range of educational and social experiences. Through our planning and activities we foster and promote independence and high self esteem.

How do we Work?

The Preschool session is divided into various activities during the morning or afternoon. A typical morning session may run as follows:

Time	Activity
09.15 am – 09.45 am	Free Play and adult led activities indoor/outdoors
09.45 am – 10.00 am	Circle time – split into small groups
10.00 am – 11.30am	Café style snack drinks time/indoor/outdoor play
11.30 am – 11.45 am	Tidy up & story time – split into 3 groups
11.45 am – 12.15 pm	Lunch session
12.15 pm	Morning session children leave/afternoon session children arrive

(The afternoon session will usually follow the same format.)

Links with Primary Schools

As a Preschool, we maintain close links with the local schools. The foundation teachers visit us prior to your children starting school. As part of the "Culm Valley Pre-School Liaison Group", we meet regularly with the schools in the area to ensure continuity of care and that the transition to school is made as easy as possible.

Starting Preschool

Children can start at Noah's Ark the term after their 2nd birthday, although this is not covered by the Early Years entitlement funding (see 'Current Opening Times and Fees') During the ½ term before your child is due to start Preschool, we will invite you to visit us with your child so that both of you can experience a Preschool session. Details about the best ways of settling your child into Preschool can be discussed with a member of staff at this session. We have a uniform available from Tesco – search Tesco embroidered uniform then our postcode EX151AB. We sometimes have second hand uniform on sale. Uniform is not compulsory.

What do we need to know?

Before your child starts at Preschool, you will be asked to complete a form which is confidential, giving personal information about your child. We need to have details about your child's health, child's Doctor and Health Visitor and emergency contact numbers etc.

Keyworker System

When your child starts with Preschool, they will be allocated to a member of staff who will help them settle into Preschool. This person will be your child's keyworker. The keyworker will be responsible for observing your child and keeping the necessary records, so that we can ensure that they reach their full potential whilst with us.

What do Children Learn?

Through our activities we give children time to experience, experiment and to develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, in line with the "Early Years Foundation Stage 2014. We plan activities around the children's interests and "Themes" covering the following learning outcomes:

- **Communication and language development** involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.
- **Physical development** involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.
- **Personal, social and emotional** development involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.
- **Literacy development** involves encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to ignite their interest.
- **Mathematics** involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures.
- **Understanding the world** involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.
- **Expressive arts and design** involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.

Your child's keyworker will keep an online record called via Tapestry – more details of which can be found by watching the video at <https://tapestry.info/>

Our ethos has always been that children learn best through play. We therefore offer a wide range of activities and equipment along with caring and experienced staff team to support and develop their play.

How Preschool is run.

The Preschool is run on behalf of the parents by our committee which is made up of parents, staff members and a representative from the Baptist Church. It is the committee which employs the staff, who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Preschool and the care of the children.

The Committee also organise fundraising activities to raise money for new equipment, as well as providing opportunities for parents, staff and committee to get together.

The Preschool has in place policies relating to all aspects of its activities including Special Educational Needs (SEN), Toilet training, Equal opportunities etc. Our policies are reviewed regularly. You will be given an information pack shortly before your child starts Preschool, which includes general information about Preschool and important information to support your child. Our policies can be viewed on our website.

The committee members are all busy people, who meet once every half term. If you are interested in having a say in the way Preschool is run, please contact our Manager who will be delighted to advise you further.

Current Opening times and fees.

Monday – Friday 9.15 am – 3.15pm. Term time only.

Morning session 9.15 am – 12.15 pm, Afternoon session 12.15 – 3.15pm

Children who attend morning or afternoon sessions can also bring in a packed lunch to enjoy with their friends.

****NEW EARLY BIRDS CLUB 8.45 am – 9.15 am****

The price per non funded hour is £4.10 per hour for the year starting April 2018. An invoice for non funded time is sent out at the start of each term. Most children are funded through the “Early Years Entitlement”, the term after their third birthday, some are eligible for 2year old funding the term after their 2nd birthday. For children who are not eligible to receive the funding, the price per 3 hour session is £12.30. Early Birds club is £2.00 per session, bookable and payable in advance. Please speak to our Manager for more information regarding this or more information can be found at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/childcare>

OFSTED

We are inspected by OFSTED. Our OFSTED report can be viewed at www.ofsted.gov.uk. Enter 105882 into the search box which will take you to our report.

Staffing.

We are very fortunate to have a very good staff to children ratio. Our preschool leader is a qualified teacher and most staff are qualified to level 3 in Early Years & Childcare. All of our staff receive regular training, and most are first aid trained.

Finally.....

We are here to work with you for the benefit of your children. If you wish to discuss any aspect further, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you would like to register your child with us, please complete the enclosed registration form, then send it to us with a copy of your child’s birth certificate. You will find our address on the registration form.