

To give you an idea of the structure of the morning, the following timetable has been drawn up. This is only a guide, activities and times change from day to day.

9.05 am - Children arrive. Parents/carers help the child find their name on their coat peg and hang up their personal items in the cloakroom, they then enter our classroom put their library bags in the tray ready for changing their books and their Lunch Boxes (if staying for Lunch Club) in another box. Children then find their own name on a letter and Self Register by posting it in our Letter Box.

9.10 am - Free Play: the children can choose which activities they want to do, e.g. puzzles, playdough, number games, dressing up, painting, drawing, make-believe play e.g. in the kitchen. We also have activities that relate to our topic. Most days children can choose to be inside or outside and the children can put on their welly boots and waterproofs so they can enjoy the fresh air, exercise and have fun in all weathers. Our staff play alongside the children and work to observe, assess and develop their learning.

10.15 am - Snack Bar Opens : We have a rolling Snack Bar so children can choose when they wish to have their snack and are supported to pour their own drinks and encouraged to put their cups and plates in the washing up bowl afterwards. We offer milk and water to drink and offer a range of healthy snacks. Children are encouraged to talk about what they have done during the morning and share their news.

10:50am - Classroom Tidy Time Time : The Time to Tidy Up music is played and the children and the staff team tidy up the classroom together. Once tidy everyone enjoys dancing together to the Rhumba!

11 am - Carpet Time : We discuss our letter, number, colour and language of the week and any news. Large Group Story time.

11.15 am - Free Play (More Exercise focused) – Everyone is encouraged to go outside into the playground with the bikes, sit on toys etc. We have bats, balls, gardening tools and building equipment. Children can explore the playground looking for nature, enjoying the seasons, take part in role play or simply enjoy some shade under a tree and look at a book. Alternatively we may set up the classroom for an assault course get out our A frame, soft play equipment, play games with our parachute or enjoy a dance or yoga CD.

11.45 am - Music, singing and dancing often accompanied with our iPod tunes, CD music, puppets and/or instruments and our Goodbye Song (followed by Lunch Club).



Prospectus

We are open from 9.05am – 12.05pm (Term time only)
Lunch Club until 1:35pm
For children aged from 2 years 6 months

*We believe children learn
through play in an
environment where they feel
happy, relaxed and safe.*

The Community Room, Cherry Tree School,
Berry Avenue, Watford, WD24 6ST

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Fees from Jan 2015 **£13.80** per 3 hour session.
(Fees increase each January)

Pickles Pre-school actively welcomes all children and advises parents to register their children as soon as possible to secure a place. We have a long waiting lists and places cannot be guaranteed.

Registration forms are available from Lynsey Pickles on 01923 223538, or by email: Lynsey.preschool@gmail.com

At Pickles Pre-School we aim to:

- Assess and plan for the individual developmental needs of each child.
- Provide a happy, safe environment in which pre-school children learn to socialise as part of a group.
- Foster self-esteem, confidence and independence in all children.
- Help prepare children for their first experiences at nursery or school by providing an environment in which structured organised activities take place alongside lots of free play and self chosen activities.
- Encourage children to listen to, and communicate with, adults other than their parents and other children.
- Involve parents in the Pre-School by keeping them informed, by contact each day and by encouraging them to help at sessions each term (via a Parents Rota on the notice board). We also run Stay and Play sessions and have termly Parent / Key Person Consultations so you are kept informed of your child's learning and development.
- We provide the opportunity for group and individual play activities, which will assist the children's development socially, emotionally, physically, creatively and intellectually at an individual and appropriate level.
- Provide an environment which reflects Pickles Pre-School equal opportunities policy.

We have 8 staff and 1 permanent volunteer. We comply to the staffing statutory ratios required of us regarding qualifications and the staff have extensive experience in Early Years. All staff members attend courses relevant for the Pre-school child, First Aid and Safeguarding Training. We have a maximum of 25 children each morning. We are registered with Ofsted and our report can be viewed on our website:

www.picklespreschool.co.uk

All permanent staff and regular volunteers are police checked.

The Pre-school is fully equipped and we have use of a fully enclosed garden playground. We have themed topics and arts and crafts, songs, stories and role play are linked to our themes. We have a letter, number, colour and shape each week, which we talk and learn about, and we say "hello" in a different language each week.

We have a library system so children can choose a book to bring home and share with you. This book may be changed as frequently as you wish or kept for longer periods.

We offer each child the opportunity to take part in craft activities etc, but sometimes they choose not to take part. Many of the activities we do at Pre-School are messy and we advise you not to send your child to Pre-School in "good" clothes. Policy Documents are available to view in the Pre-School cloakroom and on our website.

We currently run a Lunch Club every day for children over 3 years old. The children bring their own lunch and eat together. The session is optional and finishes at 1.35pm.

Hertfordshire County Council will pay for up to 15 hours per week fees for children the term after they are three years old. Lunch Club can be included in your 15 hours.

We can offer two year funded places for those who are eligible.

We invoice at the beginning of each term for additional hours and for children under three who are not funded by the council.