

East Brent C of E Academy and Pre-School

Little Squirrels



Our setting

East Brent Pre-School is situated within East Brent C of E Academy which is a small and friendly village school at the heart of the village. Our School and Pre-School are situated at the bottom of Brent Knoll hill and surrounded by glorious countryside. We have recently had a brand-new purpose-built Pre-School with its own garden and outside play area.



Our Pre-School sessions run from 9am until 3pm but we also have breakfast club which starts at 7.45am and after school club which runs until 4.30pm. and on some days 5.15pm. Please ask for further information regarding a later finish. We also run a morning session and an afternoon session from 9am - 12pm or 12pm - 3.10pm.

The children have a morning snack at our snack café. There is a selection of fruit and usually crackers or breadsticks. The children can also choose between milk and water. Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home if they wish. Please let us know of any dietary requirements on your application form.

We are currently taking children from the age of 2 and they stay with us until it is time for them to start in Reception at 4 years old. The Pre-School provides a wide range of stimulating and interesting activities which are based inside the setting and outside as well as exploring the wider community. We love using the outside environment and often take children out for walks in the local village, to the park and to Ralph's Wood.



Our Early Years education is provided by a team of skilled Pre-School practitioners. We have very close links with our reception class and the children often share experiences together such as our nativity and visitors. We also hold lots of transition activities for the Pre-School children and their families for when the time comes to start school.

Our staff

We have an amazing team of Pre-School staff who are caring and supportive of the children and their families. We strive to develop fabulous relationships with the family which we continue to develop during your child's time at Pre-School and school. We strongly believe in working in close partnership to enable children to enjoy their time with us as well as keeping parents fully informed about their child's well-being and development.

During your child's time at Pre-School, they will be given a keyworker. This is a member of staff who will support you and your child and will help to plan a wide range of interesting and stimulating activities around your child's interests to enhance their learning and social interaction within our setting. They will also liaise with any external agencies that we may need to work with.



Whilst you will be allocated a keyworker for your child, the team work closely together supporting all the children and think of great activities and experiences for all the children to enjoy.

Curriculum Provision

We provide all our children with enriching activities to allow them to learn through their play. We want all of our children to feel nurtured, valued and stimulated when they are at Pre-School with us. We focus on the Prime areas of Learning: Personal, social and emotional development, Communication and Language and Physical Development along with four specific areas of learning literacy, mathematics, expressive arts and design and understanding the world.

In the lead up to starting school, we work very closely with the Reception teacher to ensure that the school transition runs smoothly for the children.



Application and fees

Current fees

2-3 years - £6.25 per hour

3-4 years - £6.25 per hour

As government funding is now available from 9mths + you are able to apply for Early years funding for children as soon as they turn 2 years old. You can claim up to 15 hours of funding per week. We also accept children who are eligible for the extended 30 hours funding providing parents have a valid eligibility code.

Please see inside our pack for funding forms and further guidance or visit the following websites

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

If you have any further questions about our lovely little Pre-School then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01278 551247 or 01278 760490 or send us an email at preschool@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk