St. George's Pre-school

St. George's primary School
Woodcock Road
Warminster

St. George's is a privately owned pre-school, which takes children from 2 – 5 years old.

'Play to learn'

Partnership of Adam & Stephanie Sturdee B.Ed (01373 858141)
St George's Catholic Primary School, Woodcock Road, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 9EZ

St. George's Pre-school is located in a classroom in St. George's Primary School, Woodcock Road, Warminster. The hours are term time Monday – Friday 9:15 – 12:15pm. We also run a lunch club, which runs from 12.15 to 1.00pm. Our Pre-school is Christian based but children of all faiths are welcome and each child's background and diversity is celebrated.

Our aim is:-

- To enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age in a parent involving community based group.

- To provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment.

- To work within a framework which ensures equality of opportunity for all children and families.

We offer your child:-

- A specially tailored curriculum leading to approved learning outcomes. The term **curriculum** is used to describe everything children do, see, hear or feel in their setting, both planned and unplanned.

- Individual care and attention made possible by a high ratio of adults to children.

- Fun and friendship with other children and adults.

- The support of a personal keyworker.

- Opportunities for you and your family to be directly involved in the activities of the school.

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The 6 Early Learning Goals

1. Personal, Social and Emotional focuses on how children work, play and co-operate with others and mix in a group other than their family.

2. Communication, Language and Literacy concentrates on children developing skills in talking and listening, and in reading and writing.

3. Mathematical Development covers understanding in maths and provides the basics in using numbers.

4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World encourages children to develop knowledge and understanding of their environment, other people and features in the World.

5. Physical Development looks at physical control, mobility, awareness of space and manipulative skills both in and outdoors.

6. Creative Development expands how children's imagination and develops their ability to communicate and express their ideas and feelings in a creative way.

Policies

Apart from our policy statements being available on request, each parent/carer will receive a policy booklet and have the chance to discuss the contents of each policy.

All our policies are designed to offer the best possible experience for the children, families and staff in the school. Our policies are reviewed regularly and comments and suggestions from parents/carers are always welcome

The Pre-school Staff

St. Georges pre-school is privately owned by myself, Stephanie Sturdee. The pre-school, until recently was a charity and was committee run. After it ran into difficulties I decided to close the charity and make it private it so that it would not close. I have children (Timothy and Gabrielle), Timothy attends St Georges Pre-School and Gabrielle St Georges Primary. I have a Bachelor of Education and am part way through my M.A in early years. and although I am in as management, I enjoy interacting with the children and being part of the team. I have high standards and welcome any comments and suggestions. I am pleased with the high ratio of adults in this group. This ensures individual attention to the needs and development of each child. The regular staff are:-

Kerry Ambler, Manager/Play Leader. Kerry is married and has two children. Kerry has an NVQ 3 and is going to undertake her SENCO qualification shortly. Kerry is manager and is the responsible person when I am not in the setting.

Claire Small, Claire is married and has two boys. Claire is a parent volunteer at St. Georges, helping children in small groups and on outings. Claire enjoys working at the pre-school and all the children and their families. Claire holds a NVQ level II, and will soon be starting her level lll.

Lucy Sturdee (pre-school dog), Lucy lives with Steph but was specifically got as a pre-school pet. She loves coming in to the pre-school and really enjoys getting attention from children, parents and staff. Lucy has helped many children settle in. She has also really helped teach the children about animal's needs, their vulnerability and the importance of treating dogs with respect. Lucy is a pedigree Yorkshire terrier.

Full lists of courses attended by the staff are available on request and on the notice board.

How much does each session cost?

Fees are 9.50 per session, payable weekly or termly in advance.
Lunch club fees are £2.50 per session. Parents can provide a packed lunch for their child or they can have a cooked school dinner at a cost of £2.00. Please ask staff for menu.

We have funding for 3 and 4 year olds, starting the term after their third birthday. Funded children are entitled to 15 hours per week. We ask for a £2.00 per week donation to cover our varied and healthy snack.
Fees continue to be payable if your child is absent.
We require one term (old half term) notice of withdrawal of a child from Pre-School and fees will be liable in lieu of notice.

Can my child be dropped off early?

Our pre-school group session starts at 9.15 a.m. and so does our insurance cover. For this reason children should not be left before 9.15 a.m. The staff may be in the room, but they will be busy setting up for the morning.

Will I be expected to help in any way?

We encourage all parents to get involved with their child's learning. We have a rota for helping. We ask parents to help with washing up and it is very helpful if a parent can stay for the whole morning. The list is on the fridge, so please sign up from time to time. If you are talented at dress making, cooking, music or woodwork, then your skills are much needed.

Fundraising

If we have an event planned such as a jumble sale, cake stall, coffee morning or car boot stall, we welcome any help.

Starting Pre-school

Some children take longer than others to settle in; we strongly recommend you stay with your child for as long as you need. This will enable them to have a smooth and happy transition into Pre-School. We feel this is in your child's best interest, especially the under three's or children who have not been away from parents previously.

Please don't send your child in "Sunday best" clothes as some pre-school activities can be messy. Simple clothing which they can manage themselves will enable them to become more independent.

Our aim is to allow children to experience the 'outdoors' as much as possible, so please bring suitable clothes for your child: In summer a sun hat and sun cream and similarly in cooler months a coat, hat and Wellingtons. Please provide a change of clothes.
If your child uses nappies please provide spares and any wipes, creams etc. you use. We don't keep spares and we can only use creams etc. provided by yourself.

I have introduced Sudocrem for when children get bumps and scratches which helps prevent infection and pain. If your child is allergic to it, please can you let us know as our 'magic' cream is used often!

As a record of activities carried out by children and as a means of recording their development we would like to take photographs. Parents are asked to give their written permission for this on joining Pre-school.

Places for children will be confirmed once I have received a signed registration form.

These are some activities the children enjoy!

Learning about the world through play!!

Making friends and building positive relationships in a nurturing and safe environment.

Giving children the chance to take risks allowing them to develop life skills (under a watchful eye!)

Cooking and eating their own snack. We have our own bread machine and eat our own bread for snack!!

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