Sweatshirts/Clothes/Sun cream

The Pre-School have their own sweatshirts on sale should you wish to purchase one. Please put your child's name on all the items of clothing to avoid mix ups. Dress your child in clothes in which they will have freedom and be UN-afraid of getting dirty. We recommend that children wears jogging bottoms as this promotes independence and self help skills at toileting. Please ensure your child wears suitable shoes for outdoor play. Please send a coat each day as we like to take the children outdoors on a regular basis. Encourage your child to dress themselves and to put on and take off their own sweatshirt and coat. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to ensure their child has sun cream applied should it be a very warm day. Due to allergies and also time restrictions, staff are unable to apply creams.

Security/collection

Only a person over 18 years of age may bring and collect your child. Please be on time to collect your child, children become distressed if they think they are left behind. When you enter and leave Pre-School, please close the outside door behind you. Our security system relies on you to ensure this happens.

<u>Settling in</u>

The first few days at school can prove difficult for some children whilst others may adapt quickly to the new routine. If your child is finding it difficult, please do not worry. Be prepared to take each step as it happens and be guided by the staff until your child is happy and confident to come and stay without you for longer periods. We will endeavour to make the transition form home to school as pleasant and easy as possible, for both you and your child.

Kells & Connor Pre-School



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Introduction

Our pre-pre session focuses on the transition of leaving mum and dad, and spending time in a happy, safe and stimulating playroom. Our focus is on making friends, sharing and taking turns, independence and learning the sequence of routines.

Throughout the day, children have opportunities to develop personal and social skills, values and attitudes, in the following themes:

Routines, Play activities Stories, Rhymes, Music, Pictures and Drama The Environment, Health, Hygiene and Safety

<u>Hours</u>

Pre-school offer afternoon sessions for children in their penultimate pre-school year. We offer a Monday and Tuesday OR a Wednesday and Thursday . The session is from 12.30 until 2.30pm.

<u>Fees</u> The fees are £15 for 2 days (£7.50 per day.) No child is charged for a pre-school holiday or absence due to sickness.

<u>Staff</u>

The staff running the Pre-school are permanent, qualified and well experienced. They seek to create a happy atmosphere and to help develop new skills which act as an excellent preparation for pre-school and primary school.

<u>Hygiene</u>

Parents should try to have children toilet trained before starting pre-school. How-ever, speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns in this area and we will work together for the benefit of your child. Due to close contact with other children, it is advisable to check your child's hair regularly for head lice.

Parental involvement

The policy of our pre-school is to welcome parental/guardian involvement. Therefore we would appreciate your help or advice at any time. The pre-school is successfully managed by a voluntary committee made up of interested parents who meet a few times during the school year to promote and develop the pre-school. The committee is formed at our AGM which is held in September/October time.

Pre-School policies

All pre-school polices are displayed in the foyer. They include Health and Safety and Toileting to name a few. Please take an opportunity to read these. These policies are revised annually by the committee and all the staff. You will receive information on our Child Protection Policy and Procedures. Please take time to read this as it will make you aware that should you be approached for information concerning your child, it is being done in the best interest of your child.

Activities

Our activities include sand and water play, painting, play dough, arts and crafts, puzzles, story corner, home corner, construction toys, writing table, listening to music, small world play, table top games. These activities are changed on a regular basis to offer variety and progression of learning to the children.