

Learning Environments

Pre-School (3-5 Years)

Within the Pre-School we believe play is the major learning process, through which children extend and acquire new knowledge. Our three playrooms and in-house library allow the children to be independent learners and make choices to enhance their development and consolidate their learning with all resources being available every day.

The environment encourages children to explore role-play through a home corner, playdough, water play, art and craft, woodwork, mark making, mathematical concepts, construction, small world, loose parts play, threading, board games, puzzles, musical instruments, technological resources, books, story sacks and singing. With the children independently choosing where they want to learn, the practitioners can challenge, question, and discuss ideas and concepts with the children to enhance their learning experiences further.

One of the main roles within Pre-School is to ensure children become 'school ready' and independent learners.

Part of being ready for Pre-School is being an established toilet trainer and being confident to access the bathroom areas independently. We will not accept children into Pre-School in 'nappies' however will support the use of 'pull-ups' short term. If your child is not fully toilet trained, we would ask we are provided with **plenty** of the following: underwear, socks, joggers/leggings, 'croc' or jelly type shoes (they can be wiped and cleaned easily as plastic) and a plastic carrier bag or spare bag for wet belongings to be returned to you and you work with us to help your child gain toileting skills in readiness for school.

Pre-School children are invited to take part in supporting better oral health through daily toothbrushing. We are a 'Let's Brush' accredited site.

We work on many skills through the Pre-School journey, trying to ensure all children have some level of independence before they leave us for school, this can be challenging for parents to accept as this means their little one is growing up!

Children during their time at Keep Guard Day Nursery are offered many different types of experiences, some of these feature on our Awe and Wonder board located in the library to celebrate milestones, WOW moments, successes, real life experiences and experiences that will prepare them for future life. As these experiences are on display, often children in Pre-School discuss these events with peers and practitioners for days, allowing other children to also have a go and see what they can achieve.

