



High quality education and childcare for each individual child

Parent/Carers Newsletter



Welcome

Excited to welcome back all our children and families and extend a warm welcome to all the new children and their families. Hope you are all looking forward to the new term. We had a fantastic summer term enjoying our outdoor area to the max, and this term we intend to the same.

At the end of last term, we held the graduations for all the over 3s transitioning to school it was a happy occasion but we had to say lots of sad goodbyes to all the children and lovely families starting their new journey at big school. We know they are all going to have a fantastic time, but we will miss them dearly.

We continue to have robust safety measures and risk assessments in place to ensure the Pre-School is Covid safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parent carers for their continued support, and thank you for choosing Watoto Pre-School.



Sharon Brown - Manager

New Website



We are very happy to announce we have a newly designed website. Visit us at www.watotopreschool.org.uk. We wanted to make the new website faster, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly.

Our goal with this new website is to provide families an easier way to learn about preschool and keep up with preschool's news events and any changes. The new website is interactive and gives better access to calendar events, preschool policy documents and information leaflets and best of all it is mobile friendly!

We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, events, newsletters, and preschool announcements. Look out for our preschool blog we have in the pipeline!

We hope you find the new website fresh and modern; we worked hard to make sure it contains valuable information to assist you with your child's education and all round development.

Any questions, suggestions or comments, please go to the websites feedback form.



Email changes

From September our preschool emails have changed

they now end with [.org.uk](mailto:info@watotopreschool.org.uk) instead of [.co.uk](mailto:info@watotopreschool.co.uk)

e.g info@watotopreschool.co.uk is now info@watotopreschool.org.uk



Main Number

0330 016 5668

COVID 19



Your continued patience, understanding and respect of our staff team in these still challenging times would be very much appreciated

Watoto Pre-School will continue to restrict access to the preschool, to appointments only. We are requesting face covering when coming into the Pre-School, this is to keep us all safe.

We will continue the arrangement of drop off and pickups at the preschool main entrance. This is to help, keep safe our staff, children, and parent carers alike.

Please be aware that as the weather changes please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for queuing. We will do our best to get through queues as quickly as possible. We will continue to monitor the situation, your continued patience, understanding and respect of our staff team in these still challenging times would be very much appreciated.

Our updated COVID Policy is available on the NEW website www.watotopreschool.org.uk

Parent Zone App

ParentZone is an interactive app that allows parents a safe network to access information about their child's day and their wow moments, at a time that suits them. Our staff upload videos, and photos and parents can then log on and view their child's activity. At the same time, parents can contribute to their child's learning journey and make notes for their key person, helping to build relationships between families and the Pre-School.

Last term we had great feedback from our parents carers who've said they loved being able to get a full insight into their child's day at the touch of a button. Check out the video on the new website www.watotopreschool.org.uk.

To download the ParentZone app, head to your app store and search for 'ParentZone'.

We will send you an email or SMS so you can set up your own login and password detail. Any queries please email us: info@watotopreschool.org.uk.



Check out the Parent Zone video on the new website www.watotopreschool.org.uk

How we support your child's all round development in Pre-School

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has a special curriculum specifically designed for young children. It supports your child's learning and healthy development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.



Children should aim to develop the 3 Prime Areas first. These are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.



As children progress, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 Specific Areas. These are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the tasks are suited to your child's unique needs.



Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

Further details about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum can be found at www.foundationyears.org.uk.

If you have any questions, please to talk to the Pre-School team!



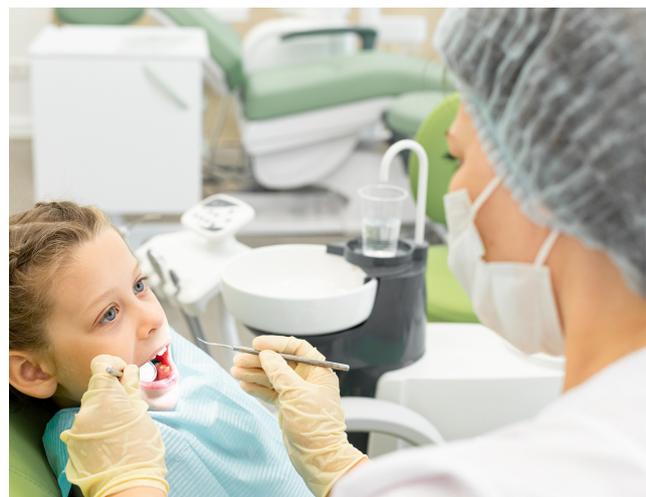
Oral Health



Here at Watoto PreSchool we are proud to be a part of the Sheffield toothbrushing scheme for more info please ask staff for a leaflet or visit our website.



Evidence tells us that tooth brushing with fluoride toothpaste is one of the most effective ways of preventing dental decay. Gum disease can also be prevented by regular thorough tooth brushing to remove plaque. Aiding regular visits to your dentist



We are pleased to announce the recent hiring of Zamzam Essa and Jessica Beck to the position of senior early years practitioner and early years practitioner in the under 3s provision. Both are fully qualified and come with wealth of experiences. Join us to give both Zamzam and Jessica a warm welcome.

Vicki Harland is now on maternity leave and we wish her all the best for a happy and restful maternity leave.

Changing your child's sessions

To change your child's sessions in preschool please ring the reception directly on 0330 016 5668. Your request will be passed onto the manager to confirm your request can be accommodated.

An email or WhatsApp message will be sent confirming the outcome and the date for new arrangements to start.

We do try to be as flexible as possible, but we need to always be within the legal child staff ratios stipulated by Ofsted.

Important information and reminders

Pre-School Policies and Procedure

You can now access all the preschool's policies and procedures on our new website www.watotopreschool.org.uk

Feeling unwell

Anyone feeling unwell with flu like symptoms, colds, coughs and fevers are requested not to attend the Pre-School, and please inform us of absences in the morning by calling 0330 016 5668. If you suspect Covid-19 please book yourself for a test and please keep us informed, you are helping yourself, your family and all of us too. We are all in this together and can only help and protect each other if we follow the guidelines.

Lunchboxes

Please remember to keep the contents healthy, nutritious and well balanced and remember to include a drink. Lollipops, sweets and chocolates are not appropriate for a lunchbox. Check out Healthy Eating on the new website www.watotopreschool.org.uk

Nuts

We ask that the children do not bring nuts into preschool within their packed lunch bags (this includes peanut butter within sandwiches) as there are a number of children in school who suffer from severe allergies. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Birthdays

We do not mind parents wanting to share their child's birthday with sweets which will be distributed at the end of day. Cakes can be shared at snack or as a pudding at lunch time as long as they contain no nuts.

clothing

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled. Unfortunately, we cannot take responsibility for lost articles.

With the changes in the weather, please make sure your child comes to preschool appropriately dressed in warm clothing for the colder weather and a suitable coat for the wetter weather. We will still be out and about in ALL weathers

School Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you need to apply for their school place. You can apply online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare and the closing date for applying is 15th January 2022.

Autumn Dates for your dairy

Oct - Dec TBC	Community Outings
Oct 25 - 29	Autumn Half term holiday & Holiday Playcare
Nov 21	Children in Need
Dates TBC	Xmas party / singalong
20 Dec - 5th Jan	Xmas Holiday break
5 Jan 2022	Spring term start date

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Great way to keep up to date
with the latest news and events
at Pre-School

