

DORE PRE SCHOOL

Information for New Parents



About us

- A 26-place pre-school for 3 & 4 year olds located at Dore Primary School with a 'Forest Schools' approach to learning.
- Staffed by highly experienced qualified teachers and teaching assistants.
- A safe, nurturing and playful environment, where children are given time and space to explore the world around them and take measured risks.
- Curriculum based on the values of kindness, creativity, resilience and resourcefulness.
- Children become well-rounded, independent and articulate with a positive sense of themselves, ready for a positive start to school life and future learning.

Opening Times and Session Costs:

Open weekdays during school term-time only (closed on teacher training days, bank holidays and school holidays).

Funding can be used for core sessions from 8.30am to 11.30am in the morning and from 12.15pm to 3.15pm in the afternoon.

Funding cannot be used to pay for additional days, breakfast clubs, lunchtime sessions and after-school sessions. These sessions must be paid for directly by parents/carers and the costs are as follows:

Full Day: 8.30am to 3.15pm. Costs £52.55

Half Day: 8.30am to 11.30am or 12.15pm to 3.15pm. Costs £23.65

Lunchtime: 11.30am to 12.15pm. Costs £5.25 plus optional £1.75 for a meal.

Breakfast Club: 7.30am to 8.30am. Costs £8.40

After-school: 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Costs £10.50

Invoices are payable by bank transfer and will be issued on a termly basis.

Session Options and Funding

15 Hours Universal Funded Early Learning (FEL)

- Up to 15 hours free childcare per week which equates to 2 full days and 1 half day each week during our core sessions.
- Option to buy additional non-funded sessions e.g. additional days, breakfast club sessions and / or after school sessions.

30 Hours Extended Funding Entitlement (EFE)

- Full time funding from 8.30am to 3.15pm every week day
- Option to buy additional sessions, e.g. breakfast club sessions and / or after school sessions
- Please note we only offer a limited number of spaces for EFE 30 hours free childcare.

A Forest School Approach

Children will enjoy experiences that build independence, creativity and resilience:

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| • Den building | Cooking on a fire |
| • Whittling sticks | Hand drilling |
| • Using a saw | Using string and rope in play |
| • Hammering Nails | Recognising seasons |
| • Slack lines & ladders | Rope swings |

Meals & Snacks

Hot meals can be provided during the lunch session at a cost of £1.75. A menu will be provided for you. Meals will be charged separately to our invoice and so can be ordered on an ad hoc basis. We cater for children with allergens and medical dietary requirements. Alternatively, you can provide a healthy packed lunch from home.

All children will have a mid-morning snack, an afternoon-snack (sometimes cooked on the camp fire) and an evening snack if staying for after-school care. Snacks may include toast, crumpets, cereal, milk, fruit, veg, biscuits and toasted marshmallows.

Kit

As the majority of the day is spent outside, children need to come prepared for any weather. A Kit List will be provided and includes warm waterproof clothing, thick socks and waterproof boots, spare layers, hats, gloves, scarves and indoor shoes.