



Weetwood Preschool  
Frequently Asked Questions

# Weetwood Primary School

## Preschool Information

### Welcome to Weetwood Preschool!

We are delighted that you are thinking of joining us here at Weetwood Preschool. We would like to share some information about our setting in the form of answers to many frequently asked questions.

- **Is Weetwood Preschool part of the school?**

We are an Educational preschool and are part of Weetwood School's Foundation Stage Unit. We work closely with the reception class and share many resources such as our outside space.

- **Will coming to Weetwood Preschool, guarantee me a place at Weetwood Primary School?**

Unfortunately, attending our preschool does not guarantee a place at this School and places are offered through Leeds City Council. However, many of our children go to local schools together once they become of school age.

- **Who will be working with my child?**

Our preschool is run by an experienced teacher and many other experienced teaching practitioners. We operate a Key Worker system, where your child will be assigned to a special adult in the setting.

- **When can my child start preschool?**

Your child can start preschool from 3 years old. To support children with settling into the preschool, we aim to start children at the beginning of a term. Please discuss your needs with a member of staff.

- **How many sessions or hours can my child attend?**

Weetwood Preschool provides childcare provision;

Full Days 9.00am -3.00pm

Mornings 9.00am - 12.00pm, which includes lunch time.

Afternoons 12.00pm – 3.00pm, although we open earlier at 2.45 to allow parents to pick up children from other schools.

We offer a fully flexible system and can offer from 15-30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. Extra paid for sessions can be booked. For further details, please email [woosc@weetwoodprimary.co.uk](mailto:woosc@weetwoodprimary.co.uk) or check out [www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk](http://www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk)

for more information.

- **Does Weetwood Preschool offer a 'Wrap Around Care System?'**

Yes – lots of the preschool children attend our before school club which runs from 7:30am until 9:00am and our after school club which runs from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. We also run a holiday club during school holidays from 8am-6pm. For further

information please visit the holiday club tab on [www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk](http://www.weetwoodchildcare.co.uk). These provisions are not included in the 15/30 Government funded hours.

- **Does my child have to come to all of their sessions?**

Most children will want to come to our preschool for all of their entitled provision, but you may decide from time to time to have family time too or need to attend medical appointments etc. We just ask that you send a Dojo message to the preschool teacher to say if you are going to be away.

- **Does my child have to be potty trained?**

Although we do encourage all children to be fully toilet trained when they start preschool, we do appreciate that some children may still have accidents from time to time. If your child is still prone to accidents, please ensure you have sufficient clothing (especially underwear) in their bag to cover this. If your child is not toilet trained when they start, please discuss this further with the preschool Staff.

- **What are the feeding arrangements?**

We offer school lunches, to be paid for, or your child may prefer to bring a packed lunch. All of the preschool class go into the hall to eat before the rest of the school. We are a nut free environment and cater for children with food intolerances and different preferences.

In addition, snacks and milk are offered in the morning and in the afternoon. All children should bring a water bottle each day, which they can access at any time.

- **What type of clothing should my child wear?**

We ask that your child comes to preschool in practical clothes that can be pulled up and down without buttons or zips for toileting purposes. They will also require shoes that can be slipped on or off with ease.

We encourage our children to become as independent as possible, but of course we will support them where needed. We have all sorts of messy and wet play and do have some spare clothes, but we ask you to provide spare clothes to change into, including wellies so they may access all of our provision, regardless of weather.

- **What will my child be learning and how are they assessed?**

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which covers the children's learning journey, from birth to the end of the reception year. We make observations using our on-line learning journey system, **Tapestry**, and assess children using the Early Years Framework.

Wherever possible, we follow the needs and interests of individual children, picking up on these through general observations in class and those interests followed at

home. We invite you to share their interests and learning too onto Tapestry to support your child's development.

Much of the time, children have access to free play and a 'continuous provision', where the outside doors are always open. We share daily news, snack time and have some adult lead tasks where the children learn in small groups throughout the day.

- **How do I contact the preschool?**

We can often have quick chats at 'drop off' or 'pick up' times, but if you need to contact the teacher, you can use our school messaging service, **Dojo**, where you can message the class teacher privately. General information and photos can be seen on the preschool Class Dojo page and whole school information is shared on the Weetwood Class Dojo page too. We also have times throughout the year where we hold parent's evenings and stay and plays where we encourage you to come spend some time with your child in the school setting.

Above all, we would like your child to enjoy coming to our preschool and feel valued so they may learn in a loving, exciting, interesting and safe environment and that our learning here is a real partnership between home and school. If you do have any further queries, please feel free to contact us!

