

Staff at Piglets hope that your child/ren will enjoy their time with us and that the time spent with us will give them the basic requirements prior to Primary School Education.

Each child has a key worker who will work towards their individual needs following the Early Years Foundation Stage Learning intentions.

We are keen for parents/carers to be involved in the Pre-School and we are happy to discuss your child's progress, at any time.

We do ask parents to come in and look at their child's development folders so you are aware of your child's progress, and also to work in partnership to fulfill your child's educational needs.

We aim to hold annual parents' meetings and regular updates are sent out, including newsletters and fund raising events.

Meals

If your child attends lunch club, you are required to provide your child with a packed lunch. We offer a mid-morning snack of at least 2 choices of fruit and a starchy option such as bread sticks, crackers or rice cakes. Snack donations are welcomed.

Great Staughton Primary Academy

Piglets work closely with Great Staughton Primary Academy to fully prepare the children for their transition to the Reception Year. The Pre-School children are regularly invited to the primary school to either take part in library reading sessions or to join the Reception class in activities or playtime.

During their last term, all children who are registered to attend Great Staughton Primary Academy the following September attend a number of 'taster' sessions, where they join in with the reception class and get to know their teacher.

Sickness Policy

We will administer antibiotics and medicines prescribed by the doctor once your child has been on them for at least 48 hours and if your child is fit for Pre-School. All medication must be brought in the original packaging with the child's details clearly shown.

You must not bring your child if they have sickness and/or diarrhea, if they have been on antibiotics for less than 48 hours or have a contagious illness.

Forest School Status

Piglets Pre-School is situated in a wonderful rural location with access to stunning countryside; this lends itself well to the provision of Forest School learning and activities. We are currently working towards **Forest School status** and continue to fundraise to complete more training.

We are keen to enhance learning opportunities for children; encouraging them to explore and be inspired by nature's classroom. Learning in an outdoor environment inspires a love of nature from a young age, improves communication and helps to develop problem solving skills and is beneficial to the children's physical and emotional wellbeing.

Uniform

From January 2018, children will be required to wear the Piglets logo uniform. Uniform is available to buy online from Tesco's embroidered uniform scheme.

Enrolment

If you are interested in securing a place for your child please contact us to arrange an appointment to visit the Pre-School and discuss your requirements. We will arrange settling in sessions prior to your child's start date.

We look forward to meeting you.



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Great Staughton Pre-School (Piglets)

Piglets became a Pre-School establishment in April 1996. It is not owned by any individual and is NOT a profit-making organization; it is a registered charity (No. 291000). The room is leased by the Pre-School, and trustees are appointed to oversee its well-maintained on a long-term basis.

Piglets Pre-School offers quality care for children aged 2-5 years in a secure and friendly environment and we are currently working towards **Forest School** status to take full advantage of our wonderful rural location. We're keen to provide stimulating learning opportunities in an outdoor environment to develop additional skills and promote improved wellbeing.

We are based in a community pavilion with sole use of our own room. We are located on Great Staughton Playing Fields and next to Great Staughton Primary Academy.

A maximum of 25 children may attend the Pre-School at any one time. We ensure that we meet the legal requirements for ratios of adults to children: one adult to every four two-year-olds; and one adult to every eight three-year-olds and older. In the event of the setting being full and in accordance with our admissions policy, children on the waiting list will be given a space on a first come first serve basis.

Joining the Committee

Any parent of a child who attends, is waiting to attend or any friend of the Pre-School, can be on the committee. At least two thirds of the committee have to be parents of children currently registered with the setting. You don't need any qualifications, save a willingness to work behind the scenes and an interest in the Pre-School. You may be a budding treasurer, a natural organiser or good at thinking of fund-raising ideas. We need all kinds of talents and types to make for the smooth running of the Pre-School.

Opening hours

We are open term time only, 38 weeks of the year - Monday to Thursday. A playgroup runs on Fridays.

We offer morning sessions every day between 9am-12pm, Lunch club daily between 12pm-12.45 and afternoon sessions every day between 12pm-3pm.

We try to match Great Staughton Primary Academy for most holidays. You will receive a list of holidays as soon as we finalise them with the Primary School.

Funding

We offer funded two and funded three sessions.

Funded twos have to meet criteria, please ask for information or go to your local children's centre.

All 3 year olds can request to claim their eligible hours of funding per week from the term after their 3rd birthday until they leave for school, subject to availability. We currently offer 24 hours so your child can attend Piglets for up to 24 hours per week using funding only with no additional cost. You can split your funding allocation between 2 settings.

Fees

The only regular income received by the Pre-School is through fees of the children who attend. We are also very grateful to the Village Charities' Trust for granting us an annual sum to help with equipment costs. The remainder of our income is raised through fund-raising projects like raffles, catalogue sales, school fayres, photographs, etc.

We also rely on our kind parents to make small regular contributions to items such as children's snacks, raffle baskets and party food for our popular lunch club parties. You will understand, therefore, why your willing support (and that of kind friends, relatives and neighbours) is so important to us! If your child is in nappies, you will need to provide nappies with wipes and nappy sacks.

A non-refundable registration fee of £30 is due when your child starts at Piglets unless you are eligible for Funded Twos.

If your child is not eligible for funding, then our fees are as follows:

- 1 session: 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm - £12
- Lunch club between 12pm-12.45pm - £4
- Additional hours - £4.50

You will receive an invoice at the beginning of each term for the term ahead. This can be paid via bank transfer or cheque. We are also registered with some childcare voucher companies.

No refunds can be given for Public Holidays, sickness or personal holidays.

Staff

All our staff have been carefully selected and continued professional development is encouraged. All staff hold relevant DBS checks.

Mission Statement

At Piglets Pre-School, we aim to provide a happy, stimulating environment for children. We aim to provide a high standard of play, care and education according to individual needs to help children develop intellectually, physically and socially.

Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures are available on request. Copies will be given to you during settling sessions.

Activities

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum/EYFS. We do this through the following 7 areas of development;

- Personal Social and Emotional
- Communication and Language
- Physical
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The room is set out so that there is access to all 7 areas of development at a time with a free flow layout.