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# Lay the foundation for your child's future

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# Welcome to Hanslope Pre-school

Run as a non-profit charity organisation for the people of Hanslope and the surrounding area, Hanslope Pre-school was founded in 1969, catering for just 6 children from Hanslope and Castlethorpe. Things have gone from strength to strength since then, with a dedicated team of staff now caring for, nurturing, and inspiring children.

The Pre-school years are the most important phase of a child's development. Hanslope Pre-school offers a dynamic, exciting, and caring environment for your child. We encourage learning through play, and our range of activities is planned to work towards each child's Early Learning Goals. Our Qualified Pre-school staff are warm-hearted, friendly, and enthusiastic and are continually updating their training to a high standard. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Aims

To work within the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Framework, which ensures all children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. Our Key Person system enables us to ensure a planned curriculum tailored to the needs of each child. We work towards the Early Learning Goals set by the Government and laid down in the Foundation Stage that all early year's providers must follow, which we seek to support through all the three prime areas:

## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Within a nurturing environment, children are individually supported in developing confidence, autonomy, and self-respect. They are encouraged to work and concentrate independently and to take part in the life of the group, sharing and cooperating with other children and adults. Through activities, conversation, and practical examples, they learn acceptable ways to express their feelings and to have respect for the feelings of others. All children are given the opportunity, as appropriate, to take responsibility for themselves and the group, its members, and its property.

## **1** Physical Development

A range of equipment and opportunities, both indoors and out of doors, allows children to develop confidence and enjoyment in the use and development of their bodily skills. In the summer term, all children going to school take part in structured PE sessions. A high level of adult supervision enables children to safely create and meet physical challenges, developing increasing skill and control in moving, climbing, and balancing. At the same time, children are supported in developing the fine motor skills necessary to use tools, including pens and pencils, and to handle small objects with increasing control and precision. The children are also encouraged to develop awareness of their bodies and of what keeps them healthy.

#### **Communication and Language**

In both small and large groups, children are encouraged to extend their vocabulary and fluency by talking and listening and by hearing and responding to stories, songs, and rhymes. The specific areas of learning grow out of the prime areas and include:

The four specific areas are:
Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding of the World
Expressive Arts & Design

Prime areas of learning develop quickly in response to their relationships, **wellbeing**, and **involvement** and are fundamental to learning in other areas.

#### Management and Administration

The Pre-school is run by an elected Committee of parents, which ensures that major decision-making is in the hands of those who use the group. The Committee is responsible for reviewing both policy and practice and for the employment and appraisal of members of staff. Our Annual General Meeting, at which the committee for the following year is elected, is held in the summer term, and parents will be informed in good time, so they are able to attend.

**Policies** 

All our policies are designed to offer the best possible experience for the children and families in the group. Our policies are reviewed regularly, and comments and suggestions are always welcome. All Pre-school policies are available for you to read on request. Please ask a member of staff for a copy. Our Core policies can also be found on our website.

## **!** Parent Helper or Involvement

Parents and carers are encouraged to support and help the Pre-school in several ways, allowing you to take an active part in the group. These roles will range from reading stories, making playdough, or helping with other activities, supporting us with any fundraising events, etc.

We will encourage parents and families to input into our weekly planning for the children and contribute towards snacks and other resources used within our daily routine and activities.

**W** Key Person and Groups

Our Key Person system gives each member of staff responsibility for just a few children. Each child in the Pre-school has one special adult to relate to, which can make settling in much easier. In addition, the Key Person can tailor the curriculum to the unique needs of each child in his or her group. The Key Person maintains links with the child's home setting, working with parents and carers to ensure that all children are supported in reaching their full potential. The Pre-school works to Early Years Alliance ratios.

#### Play Area

Our setting is made up of two halls, one larger than the other, and a large soft tarmacked area, to which children can enjoy the 'free flow' access throughout every day. Both areas, inside and out, cover all 7 areas of learning, mirroring each other to give children the chance to access them all, wherever they feel more comfortable.

#### Sessions

All Children from 2 to 4 years are welcome at Hanslope Pre-school.

Morning sessions: 9am to 12pm Lunch sessions: 12 to 1pm Afternoon sessions: 12 to 3pm All-day sessions: 9am to 3pm

#### **Fees**

2-year-olds - £6.66 per hour 3 and 4-year-olds - £6.10 per hour

Fees are due in advance and payable on the last day of the month before the month of attendance.

**Voluntary** £20 annual contribution towards general consumables, snacks, crafts, gardening, etc.

#### **Funding**

We are a registered Early Education Funding provider and part of the 'Time for Twos' scheme. 2-year-old funding is available to those who meet certain criteria. Follow this link for more information <a href="https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/time-for-two">https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/time-for-two</a>

Universal, 15-hour, funding is available for all 3 and 4-year-olds, from the term after their 3rd Birthday.

Extended Entitlement (30 hours) funding is available to those who qualify.

<u>Three and four year old early education (30 hours extended entitlement) | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)</u>

Working Parent Entitlement is also available to those who are eligible <a href="https://www.gov.uk/get-free-childcare-if-youre-working?step-by-step-nav=f237ec8e-e82c-4ffa-8fba-2a88a739783b">https://www.gov.uk/get-free-childcare-if-youre-working?step-by-step-nav=f237ec8e-e82c-4ffa-8fba-2a88a739783b</a>