

Id3-Shernhall Pre-School Prospectus

Welcome to Shernhall Pre-School and thank you for registering your child with us.

We know how important your child is and aim to deliver the highest quality of care and education to help them to achieve their best. We have a GOOD rating from Ofsted – last inspected February 2023

This prospectus aims to provide you with an introduction to Shernhall Pre-School, our routines, our approach to supporting your child's learning and development and how we aim to work together with you to best meet your child's individual needs.

Our setting aims to:

- provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age.
- work in partnership with parents to help children to learn and develop.
- add to the life and well-being of the local community; and
- offer children and their parents a service that promotes equality and values diversity.

Parents - You are regarded as members of our setting who have full participatory rights. These include a right to be:

- valued and respected.
- kept informed.
- consulted.
- involved; and
- included at all levels.

As a voluntary managed setting, we also depend on the good will of parents and their involvement to keep going.

Membership of the setting carries expectations on you for your support and commitment.

Children's development and learning - We aim to ensure that each child:

- is in a safe and stimulating environment.
- is given generous care and attention, because of our ratio of qualified staff to children, as well as volunteer helpers.
- has the chance to join in with other children and adults to live, play, work and learn together.
- is helped to take forward her/his learning and development by being helped to build on what she/he already knows and can do.
- has a personal key person who makes sure each child makes satisfying progress.
- is in a setting that sees parents as partners in helping each child to learn and develop; and
- is in a setting in which parents help to shape the service it offers.

The Early Years Foundation Stage - Provision for the development and learning of children from birth to 5 years is guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our provision reflects the four overarching principles of the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage* (DfE 2025):

- ***A Unique Child***

Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

- ***Positive Relationships***

Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

- ***Enabling Environments***

Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and carers.

- ***Learning and Development***

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision including children with special educational needs and disabilities.

How we provide development and learning - Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by our setting helps children to continue to do this by providing all of the children with interesting activities that are appropriate for their age and stage of development.

The Areas of Development and Learning comprise:

- ***Prime Areas***

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

- ***Specific Areas***

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

For each area, the level of progress that children are expected to have attained by the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage is defined by the Early Learning Goals. These goals state what it is expected that children will know, and be able to do, by the end of the reception year of their education.

The Early Years Outcomes (DfE 2025 guidance sets out the likely stages of progress a child makes along their progress towards the Early Learning Goals. Our setting has regard to these when we assess children and plan for their learning. Our programme supports children to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need for:

Communication and language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking.

Personal, social and emotional development

- Self-Regulation.
- Managing self; and
- Building Relationships.

Physical development

- Gross Motor Skills; and

- Fine Motor Skills.

Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading; and
- Writing.

Mathematics

- Number; and
- Numerical Pattern.

Understanding the world

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities.
- The Natural World.

Expressive arts and design

- Creating with Materials; and
- Being Imaginative and Expressive.

Our approach to learning and development and assessment

Learning through play - Being active and playing supports young children's learning and development through doing and talking. This is how children learn to think about and understand the world around them. We use the EYFS statutory guidance on education programmes to plan and provide opportunities which will help children to make progress in all areas of learning. This programme is made up of a mixture of activities that children plan and organise for themselves, and activities planned and led by practitioners.

Characteristics of effective learning - We understand that all children engage with other people and their environment through the characteristics of effective learning that are described in the Early Years Foundation Stage as:

- playing and exploring - engagement.
- active learning - motivation; and
- creating and thinking critically - thinking.

We aim to provide for the characteristics of effective learning by observing how a child is learning and being clear about what we can do and provide in order to support each child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

Intent, Implement, Impact - We assess how young children are learning and developing by observing them frequently. We use information that we gain from observations, as well as from photographs or videos of the children, to document their progress and where this may be leading them. We believe that parents know their children best and we will ask you to contribute to assessment by sharing information about what your child likes to do at home and how you, as parents, are supporting development.

We make periodic assessment summaries of children's achievement based on our on-going development records. We use Information from these forms of assessment to plan for the children's development and expand on their interest. These form part of children's records of achievement. We undertake these assessment summaries at

regular intervals, as well as times of transition, such as when a child moves into a different group or when they go on to school.

The progress check at age two - The Early Years Foundation Stage requires that we supply parents and carers with a short-written summary of their child's development in the three prime areas of learning and development - personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language - when a child is aged between 24 - 36 months. Your child's key person is responsible for completing the check using information from on-going observational assessments carried out as part of our everyday practice, taking account of the views and contributions of parents and other professionals.

Records of achievement - We keep a record of each child's Learning Journey. Your child's Learning Journey records achievements, which helps to celebrate together their accomplishments and to work together to provide what your child needs for their well-being and to make progress.

Your child's key person will work in partnership with you to keep this record. To do this you and their key person will collect information about your child's needs, activities, interests and achievements. This information will enable the key person to identify your child's stage of progress. Together, we will then decide on how to help your child to move on to the next stage.

Working together for your children - We maintain the ratio of adults to children in the setting that is set by the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements. We also have volunteer parent helpers, where possible, to complement these ratios. This helps us to:

- give time and attention to each child.
- talk with the children about their interests and activities.
- help children to experience and benefit from the activities we provide; and
- allow the children to explore and be adventurous in safety.

The staff who work at our setting are:

Name	Job Title	Up to date qualification
Liljana	Manager / DSL	NVQ Level 5 in Childcare.
Kay	Deputy Manager / SENCO	NVQ Level 5 in Childcare / 2 Year named officer
Pamela	Administrator / Family Liaison Office / Deputy DSL	
Tracy	Room Leader/ Early Years Practitioner	NNEB
Monika	Early Years Practitioner	NVQ Level 3 in Childcare.
Valbona	Early Years Practitioner	NVQ Level 3 in Childcare.
Mira	Early Years Practitioner	NVQ Level 3 in Childcare.
Lan	Early Years Practitioner	NVQ Level 3 in Childcare
Jackie	Lunch Club Assistant	

We are open 38 weeks a year (Term Time Only), Monday - Friday

Our opening times are Office – 8.00am – 4.00pm

Sessions – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Our session consists of...

Morning: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (8.30am to 11.30am)

Lunch: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (11.30am to 12.30pm)

Afternoon: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (12.30pm to 3.30pm)

Short Day: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (8.30am to 1.30pm)

All Day: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (8.30am to 2.30pm or 8.30am to 3.30pm)

Last hour: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday (2.30pm to 3.30pm)

We provide care and education for young children between the ages of 9 months+ and 5 years.

How parents take part in the setting - Our setting recognises parents as the first and most important educators of their children. All of our staff see themselves as partners with parents in providing care and education for their children. There are many ways in which parents take part in making our setting a welcoming and stimulating place for children and parents, such as:

- exchanging knowledge about their children's needs, activities, interests, and progress with our staff.
- contributing to the progress check at age two.
- helping at sessions of the setting.
- sharing their own special interests with the children.
- helping to provide and look after the equipment and materials used in the children's play activities.
- being part of the management of the setting where appropriate – a committee member.
- taking part in events and informal discussions about the activities and curriculum provided by the setting.
- joining in community activities, in which the setting takes part; and
- building friendships with other parents in the setting.

The parents' involvement - Our setting has an open-door approach where we encourage parents to help in our daily session, by reading to the children, engaging in arts and craft activities, even bringing a skill to the setting which can support and encourage young children's learning. Helping at the session enables parents to see what the day-to-day life of our setting is like and to join in helping the children to get the best out of their activities.

Joining in - Joining in is not the only means of taking part in the life of the setting. Parents can offer to take part in a session by sharing their own interests and skills with the children. We have had parents visit the setting and engaged in the job that they do – e.g., builder – came in and encouraged the children to part take in using building tools - from drills, to hammers and to know how to use these tools safely.

We welcome parents to drop into the setting to see it at work or to speak with the staff.

Key person and your child - Our setting uses a key person approach. This means that each member of staff has a group of children for whom they are particularly responsible. Your child's key person will be the person who works with you to make sure that the childcare that we provide is right for your child's particular needs and interests. When your child first starts at the setting, they will help your child to settle and throughout your child's time at the setting, they will help your child to benefit from our activities.

Learning opportunities for adults - As well as gaining childcare qualifications, our staff take part in further training to help them to keep up-to date with thinking about early years care and education. We also keep up to date with best practice, as a member of the Early Years Alliance, through *Under 5* magazine and other publications produced by the Alliance. We also have up to date training via the Local Authority Hub.

The setting's timetable and routines - Our setting believes that care and education are equally important in the experience which we offer children. The routines and activities that make up the day in our setting are provided in ways that:

- help each child to feel that they are a valued member of the setting.
- ensure the safety of each child.
- help children to gain from the social experiences of being part of a group; and
- provide children with opportunities to learn and help them to value learning.

The session* - We organise our sessions so that the children can choose from, and work at, a range of activities and, in doing so, build up their ability to select and work through a task to its completion. The children are also helped and encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities, which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills, as well as helping them to learn to work with others. Outdoor activities contribute to children's health, their physical development, and their knowledge of the world around them. The children have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to take part in outdoor child-chosen and adult-led activities, as well as those provided in the indoor playroom(s).

Snacks and meals - We make snacks and meals a social time at which children eat together. We provide a healthy and nutritious menu for snacks. Please tell us about your child's dietary needs and we will plan accordingly.

Clothing - We provide protective clothing for the children when they play with messy activities. We encourage children wear these, although we cannot force them to do so. We encourage children to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes. Clothing that is easy for them to manage will help them to do this.

Policies - Our staff can explain our policies and procedures to you. Copies of which are available to parents.

Our policies help us to make sure that the service provided by our setting is a high quality one and that being a member of the setting is an enjoyable and beneficial experience for each child and their parents.

Our staff /parents and management committee work together to adopt the policies and they all have the opportunity to take part in the annual review of our policies. We also take guidance from our Local Authority, the Early Years Alliance and the government. These reviews help us to make sure that the policies are enabling our setting to provide a quality service for its members and the local community.

Information we hold about you and your child - We have procedures in place for the recording and sharing of information data about you and your child that is compliant with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations (2018) as follows:

The data we collect is.

1. Processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject [you and your family]
2. Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed for other purposes incompatible with those purposes.
3. Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which data is processed.
4. Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date.
5. Kept in a form that permits identification of data subjects [you and your family] for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data is processed.
6. Processed in a way that ensures appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

When you register your child with us, we will provide you with a privacy notice that gives you further details of how we fulfil our obligations with regard to your data.

Safeguarding children - Our setting has a duty under the law to help safeguard children against suspected or actual 'significant harm'. Our employment practices ensure children against the likelihood of abuse in our setting, and we have a procedure for managing complaints or allegations against a member of staff.

Our way of working with children and their parents ensures that we are aware of any problems that may emerge and can offer support, including referral to appropriate agencies, when necessary, to help families in difficulty.

Special needs - To make sure that our provision meets the needs of each individual child, we take account of any special needs a child may have. We work to the requirements of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (updated 2020).

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is Kay Sullivan

The management of our setting - Our setting is a charity and as such is managed by a volunteer management committee - whose members are elected by the parents of the children who attend our setting. The elections take place at our Annual General Meeting. The committee make up the registered person with Ofsted and are responsible for:

- managing our finances.
- employing and managing our staff.
- making sure that we have, and work to, policies that help us to provide a high-quality service; and
- making sure that we work in partnership with parents.

The Annual General Meeting is open to the parents of all of the children who attend our setting. It is our shared forum for looking back over the previous year's activities and shaping the coming year's plan.

Fees - The fees are payable monthly/weekly/half-termly. Fees must still be paid if children are absent. If your child has to be absent over a long period of time, talk to Liljana who is the Manager to discuss this.

For your child to keep their place at our setting, you must pay the fees. We are in receipt of nursery education funding for two-, three- and four-year-olds; where funding is not received, then fees apply.

Starting at our setting

The first days - We want your child to feel happy and safe with us. To make sure that this is the case, our staff will work with you to decide on how to help your child to settle into the setting. Our policy on the Role of the Key Person and Settling-in is accessible to parents, you can obtain a copy from a member of staff.

We hope that you and your child enjoy being members of our setting and that you both find taking part in our activities interesting and stimulating. Our staff are always ready and willing to talk with you about your ideas, views or questions.