

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do I need to bring to Preschool?



Essential items:

- Nappies, wipes and creams if your child is not yet toilet trained
- Sun cream if your child is unable to use ours (Nivea Factor 50)
- Healthy lunch box (labelled) if your child is attending a full day (8.45am til 3pm). Please ensure no food is put in lunchbox that requires heating
- Children who attend Fridays will enjoy Fun Forest outdoor play whatever the weather and will need all in one weather coats (puddle suits), hat and gloves and wellies (all labelled) this is to stay in the setting

Desirable items:

- Slippers to keep at the setting (labelled)
- A drinks bottle (labelled) this is more important for Bears room to prepare them for school. Please note that drinks are provided at Preschool during snack times and throughout the day.

To help you prepare for Preschool, please read this essential guide. It contains everything you will need to know about us.

2. What happens when it is time to drop my child off?

- A staff member will greet you at the door and direct your child into the correct room (Cubs or Bears).
- Please do not worry if they seem upset as children settle very quickly and we do not allow them to become distressed. A member of staff from the room they belong to will take them in and comfort them. If they do not settle quickly we will call you but we will also call you to reassure you that they have settled if they were upset coming into Preschool.
- Please see our settling in document for more information.

3. What should my child wear?

- Please dress your children in trousers or jogging bottoms that pull down/up easily so they can gain independence when going to the toilet.
- Please don't dress your children in any item of clothing that you don't want them to get dirty in. Children often leave Preschool very mucky after a busy day playing!
- Please ensure shoes are easy to put on and take off – staff will help children to put on their shoes but we do encourage them to be as independent as they can, particularly in the year before they start school.
- Preschool uniform is a red polo shirt and a navy sweatshirt with our logo on. This can be ordered from Essential Custom Clothing Ltd. Unit 5A Dunlop Road B97 5XP. Uniform is entirely optional and can be worn as and when you wish.
- During the colder months please provide a warm labelled coat as we spend a lot of time outdoors.
- Children do not need to keep a 'spare clothes' bag in the setting unless you particularly want to provide one. We have lots of spare clothes in case of accidents.

4. How will I find out what my child has done at Preschool?

- In the setting we now use the Ovivio App, which enables staff to upload information and photos that parents can securely gain access through the day. We also put regular updates on our Facebook page (Mount Carmel Preschool and Wraparound Care).
- At pick up time the staff member on the door will also give a brief feedback of how your child has been during the session.
- If your child is under 3 we will hold a meeting in their first Half Term to complete their 'Two Year Old Check'.
- We hold regular parent meetings and telephone consultations throughout the year but parents are welcome to book appointments at any time to discuss their child's progress if they wish to. If staff have any concerns about your child they will arrange a meeting without delay.
- We encourage parents to call as many times as they wish to ensure they are confident that their child is happy.
- Letters and newsletters are sent home with the children to advise of any upcoming events and information on topics.
- Observations on your child will be carried out regularly and their development tracked using baseline assessments and the EYFS.

