



Pashley Down Pre-School

Before You Apply

At Pashley Down Pre-School, we offer a **nurturing, full-day early years provision** where children feel safe, supported and excited to learn. We are proud of the rich experiences we offer and the strong links we have with the wider school.

Before applying, please take a moment to read through the information below to make sure our provision is the right fit for your child and family.

Our Day at Pre-School

Children attend for a **full day**, with the option to add additional paid sessions at the beginning and end of the day:

Breakfast Club (paid): 7:45am – 8:45am

Core Day (funded where eligible): 8:45am – 2:45pm

Extended Day (paid): 2:45pm – 5:00pm

The core day forms the heart of our provision and is not offered as a stand-alone session.

A Rich and Exciting Curriculum

Children at Pashley Down Pre-School benefit from far more than just childcare. We offer:

Weekly Forest School sessions, encouraging curiosity, resilience and a love of the outdoors

Regular PE sessions in the school hall, developing physical confidence and coordination

Free-flow access to our outdoor area, which overlooks the school's **mini farm**, allowing children to explore, observe animals and learn through real experiences

An outdoor environment carefully planned to support learning across all areas of the EYFS

Our pre-school staff **plan closely with the main school staff**, ensuring strong curriculum continuity and a smooth transition into Reception.

Food and Mealtimes

Hot meals are available daily as an optional extra

Meals are freshly prepared by a local catering company

Dietary needs and allergies are carefully managed

Children are encouraged to enjoy mealtimes as a social and positive part of the day.

Attendance and Booking Commitment

To support children's wellbeing and ensure consistent staffing places are offered on a regular weekly booking pattern. Bookings are agreed for a minimum of two full terms. Notice to reduce or change booked hours must be given by the published funding review point and will take effect from the end of the following full term. Full contractual terms apply once a place is formally offered and accepted. Additional or ad-hoc sessions may be requested subject to availability and are charged separately. These sessions are not guaranteed and do not form part of the agreed booking pattern.

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Funding and Fees

Some children may be eligible for:

Universal **15 funded hours** (from the term after a child's 3rd birthday)

Eligible 2-year-old funding

30 funded hours for eligible working parents

Funded hours are used within the core day.

Breakfast Club and Extended Day are charged separately.

All funding is subject to Local Authority eligibility and approval.

Families may split funded hours across providers; however, any additional hours booked at Pashley Down Pre-School must be paid for privately. Parents/carers should note that funded hours are claimed in fixed blocks and cannot be adjusted mid-term.

Transition into Pre-School

We take great care to support children as they start pre-school. Our **structured settling-in process** includes:

Time in pre-school with a parent or carer

Short independent sessions

A gradual build-up to full attendance

All transition sessions are **free of charge** and tailored to each child.

Children with Additional Needs

We warmly welcome applications for children with additional needs or SEND. Sharing information early allows us to plan appropriate support and work closely with families and professionals.

Is Pashley Down Pre-School Right for Your Family?

Our pre-school is ideal for families who:

Are looking for **full-day provision**

Value **outdoor learning and rich experiences**

Appreciate close links with a primary school

Are happy to commit to a **consistent weekly routine**

If you are seeking occasional or ad-hoc sessions, another setting may be a better fit.

Next Steps

If this sounds right for your child, please complete the **Pre-School Application and Booking Form**.

If you would like to talk through your circumstances or ask any questions, we are happy to help:

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