

Pre-School at Moggerhanger Primary School




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A Message from the Executive Principal

Welcome to Moggerhanger Pre-School, where we provide children with the highest standards of care, development and education in a safe and encouraging environment. We pride ourselves on nurturing children through one of the most exciting periods of their lives, as the time from 0 to 5 is so important in laying down the foundations for learning in later life. We have a passionate and experienced team, who plan and deliver exciting and interactive sessions to develop the key Early Years areas of learning, as well as encourage the children to be self-sufficient and initiate their own play and investigations.

This guide will give you an introduction to our wonderful Pre-School and share the values we believe in, across the whole school. As your little ones develop from Chicks to Robins, when they enter Reception class in the main school, we are committed to working with parents/guardians, families and the local community to make sure they have the happiest start to their learning journey. We see all our children as individuals and will support and stretch them appropriately, to ensure they progress. They will develop through adult and child-initiated play, as well as some learning time focused on phonics and numeracy activities, to help them prepare for Reception.

We would encourage you to come and see how happy and settled our children are for yourself and the wonderful area they have to explore and develop in, by arranging a viewing Monday to Friday from 9.20am to 12.00pm.

We look forward to meeting you and supporting your child to develop and learning, in a caring and safe environment, where they can take risks and explore for themselves.

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal



Funding and Session Times

Children can join our Pre-School as soon as they turn three years old. We operate flexible start dates, please discuss this with the school.

Funding

All children receive a number of funded hours, this funding begins the term **after** the child turns three. Prior to this you can pay for your sessions. The minimum entitlement is 15 hours of free childcare, and our Pre-School is a great place to spend those hours! Some families are entitled to a full 30 hours (all day Monday to Friday, 9.00am-3.00pm) of funded sessions. If you are only entitled to the 15 hours, you can pay for additional sessions. If your child uses their 15 free hours in another setting, you can pay for additional sessions with us. Please note that our setting will take priority of your funded hours over private settings. Please contact our admissions team to discuss funded sessions and fees on: admissions@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk

Session Times

Children can attend morning, afternoon, or full day sessions. We also offer wrap-around care with our before and after school clubs. The main Pre-School session timings are as follows:

Morning
9am-12pm (£13.50)

Afternoon
12pm-3pm (£13.50)

Full day
9am-3pm (£27)



Meet the Team

We have a team of kind, hard-working and dedicated staff who provide a safe, homely environment in which our children flourish.

Our team get to know each child as an individual, so that they can support and nurture them on their learning journey with us. Your child will be allocated a 'Key Person' who will work alongside you and your child to ensure that their transition into our Pre-School runs smoothly, and that their emotional needs are met.

We look forward to introducing you to our team in person, when you visit us for a tour.



Mrs G Smith
Pre-School Leader
Chicks Class



Miss M Cunningham
Reception Class Teacher
Robins Class



Mrs C Wheatley
Learning Support Assistant
and Lunchtime Supervisor



Mrs G Ziccardi
Learning Support Assistant



Miss E Meakins
Early Years Apprentice

Miss G Watts
Early Years Apprentice



Early Years at Moggerhanger Primary School Chicks (Pre-School) and Robins (Reception)

At Moggerhanger Primary School we are extremely proud of our Early Years setting, which comprises of Reception and Pre-School, both of which have exceptionally small class sizes. The kind and dedicated teaching staff work hard to create a warm and stimulating environment where learning is fun, and the children are at the heart of everything we do.

Our Reception and Pre-School are a fully integrated part of the school, giving your child the opportunity to benefit from an extensive range of facilities in our primary school setting, such as a large, well-equipped playground, field, Forest School area and traditional school hall. Our Pre-School and Reception each have their own connecting classroom, and are able to free-flow through both rooms and share a designated outdoor area during their child-initiated time.

Pre-School at Moggerhanger Primary School

We engage in activities that promote and extend children's curiosity and awareness of their world, and our primary focus is learning through play and exploration. We encourage children to grow in confidence, self-esteem and independence. We treat each child as an individual who has needs that should be met in an atmosphere that celebrates diversity. We will nurture your child's social and emotional skills.



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

In Pre-School we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage guidance, learning through play and playful teaching, both inside and outside, whatever the weather. Your child will also start to do things like recognise and write their own name and develop their communication, literacy and numeracy skills through a combination of adult-led and child-led activities.

We place a high emphasis on outdoor learning. The children have continuous access to a high quality outdoor learning environment, and also have a dedicated 'Forest School' time once a week where they explore the wider school grounds.



Principles of the EYFS

- The four guiding principles shape our practice. These are:
- Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured
- Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships
- 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 and parents and/or carers
- Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates.

Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory in Pre-School, however we would ask that your child is dressed appropriately for the setting and would request your child has the following items:

- Closed, sturdy footwear
- A hooded coat
- Wellies at school
- Sun hat
- Water bottle

If you wish, you can purchase the Moggerhanger Primary School uniform, which is a grey skirt, shorts or trousers, white or navy polo top, navy cardigan or jumper. Please see the information on our website if you would like to purchase items with the school logo.



We have a dedicated Forest School session once a week, where children will need to come to bring an 'all weather' outer layer suitable for the season.

Snack and Lunch Times



Morning Snack

The children have a designated snack time during the morning session. We provide a variety of healthy and tasty snacks for the children. This provides opportunities to learn about healthy choices, as well as being a valuable time to sit together and develop social skills.

The school office will be able to provide you with more information about the voluntary contribution we ask for towards snack.

Lunch Time

If your child attends for the full day session, they will have lunch at school in their Pre-School classroom.

You can provide a packed lunch from home— please remember we have a strict **NO NUTS** policy due to serious allergies. You also have the option of booking a school dinner (with pudding!) from our school kitchen via Innovate. Full information about lunches can be found on our school website.

Water

We ask that your child has a named water bottle at school every day, but we are always happy to provide a cup if they forget.



Contact Us

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss enrolling your child in our Pre-School.

Telephone: 01767 640270

Email: admissions@moggerhangerprimary.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!



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