



Waterton Pre-Schools

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Although it is not compulsory for children under the age of 5 to attend school, Pre-School is an important phase of Early Years Foundation Stage education and sets in place a positive attitude to learning and attending school.

Regular attendance enables your child to settle into the routine, develop friendships and learn all the skills and behaviour expected at school.

Research shows that children who attend high-quality Early Years Education achieve better results at school.

Our funding may be withdrawn if your child does not attend regularly.

We expect parents to:

- Ensure your child attends pre-school regularly
- Contact pre-school on the first day of any absence
- Avoid taking holidays during term time whenever possible
- Inform pre-school in advance of any medical appointments
- Bring and collect your child on time

Pre-School will:

- Follow up any non reported absence by telephone on the 1st day
- Call again if your child doesn't return on the expected date
- Follow up by letter after 2 weeks when the place may be withdrawn
- May contact social care direct if we are unable to make contact with you
- Contact parents by letter if the child's absence is consistently below 80%.
- Only allow designated adults collect your child. (over 16 years of age)