

Transition Guide to Broad Town Pre-School



Due to Covid-19 and Government guidelines transitions into Pre-school will be different this September.

We want to make this transition for you and your child an effective and positive experience despite the restrictions we have had to put into place.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our small, but amazing family.

This booklet will provide all the information that you will need to make the transition as stress free as possible.

We will begin with some info and guidance for parents and then will conclude with some pictures of what Pre-School looks like. Could we please ask that you show this section to your child on a regular basis over the coming weeks so that they are able to familiarise themselves with Pre-School and what to expect in September.

- We want this transition to be as stress free as possible for you and your child. You know your child best. It may be that he/she will be happy to be left relatively quickly, but it may be that your child (or even you) need more time to feel reassured and safe to be left at Pre-School. Either way, we will work closely with you and your child to overcome any issues/insecurities.
- Due to the safety measures that we have had to put into place because of Covid-19. We wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of the changes.
- To reduce cross contamination, we no longer provide morning or afternoon snacks. Could you please provide a healthy snack for each morning and afternoon session that your child attends (raisins, fruit, cheese, crackers, rice cakes etc) For example, if your child is attending all day, they will need to have 2 snacks. They will need to be placed in a named container to ensure your child gets the correct snack that you have provided. We will still provide milk and water, but can you please provide an additional labelled drink bottle filled with your preferred drink for your child to have between snack times.
- We have introduced more regular handwashing during sessions. I am sure you are already doing so, but could you please discuss with your child the importance of thorough hand washing. You could encourage them to sing a rhyme whilst washing -there are many child friendly versions on youtube which could help with this.



- We ask that you introduce to your child to the routine of 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Again there are many child friendly versions on youtube which you could share with your child.
- It would be great if you could begin to encourage your child to put on/take off their coat and hang it up. When attending Pre-School could we ask that you dress your child in easy to manage clothes e.g. Velcro shoes, easy pull up trousers and a change of clothes, also nappies and wipes if needed.
- At Pre-school a bell is rung by one of the children to announce 'tidy up time'. Over the coming weeks, please encourage your child to tidy away their toys when you announce 'tidy up time' at home too.
- If your child has a favourite security toy/blanket we are happy for them to bring it to Pre-School to help them settle in. When ready we will encourage them to leave it in their tray or on their peg.
- If you are a Facebook user, we do have a private Facebook page which is regularly updated to keep you posted on what is happening at Pre-School. To join our group, please search Broad Town Pre-School and click on the 'join group' button. You may also find our local Children's Centre Facebook page useful. Again, just search 'The Rise Trust Wootton Bassett' and click on the 'Like' button to start seeing regular updates from them.
- You will also have been sent via email an 'All about me' form. Could you please complete this, giving as much info as you can to give us a pen picture of your child. Please complete and either email it to admin@broadtownpreschool.co.uk before our return in September or print a copy off and bring it with your child on their first session with us.
- We are aware that due to Covid-19, your circumstances may have changed. If you could make us aware of them we may be able to

offer you some form of support e.g. bereavement support, financial support. Please let us know if anyone is shielding in your family and your family's wellbeing. All will be taken in strict confidentiality, we want you to know that we support not only the child, but their families too.

- Please talk to your child frequently about starting Pre-School. Show them the pictures at the end of this booklet. You may also like to read them stories about children starting Pre-School and share books on the subject too.
- We can not stress enough that this is your pre-school and we want you to feel very much part of it. We have an open door policy and you can speak to any of us at any time. We have regular parent's meetings and are run by our committee of mainly parents. We do need our parents to get on board and consider joining our committee as we need new parents joining to replace members leaving when their child reaches school age. Please get involved.
- If you have any questions which have not been covered by this information guide, please feel free to call Jennie at Pre-School on 01793 731911 or email Kerry, our Administrator at admin@broadtownpreschool.co.uk.



This is the entrance gate to Pre-School.

This is the path which leads you to our sheltered play area and the classroom



This is our small outside play area where we play with our mud kitchen, sand and water

This is our cloakroom where you will find Your name and hang your coat and bag





Jennie's chair & carpet space



This is where we listen to stories, sing songs and do the register in the morning and afternoon



This is where we have lots of fun with gluing, playdough, painting, puzzles and play in our role play area.

This is our reading corner where you can sit quietly and look at some books.





This is where we go to the toilet, use the potty or have our nappy changed.

We don't play in here!

We must wash our hands afterwards



Halfway through the morning and afternoon we have snack. We are able to pour our own drinks of milk or water and sit with our friends to eat our snack

This is our fabulous outside classroom (forest school) where we light fires, swing on a tyre rope, climb trees and lots lots more





This is the school playground where we ride bikes, do chalk painting and play games.

We also use the fabulous timber trail.



When we have done a lovely paintings, or a gluing picture we put it in our tray to take home to show Mummy & Daddy.

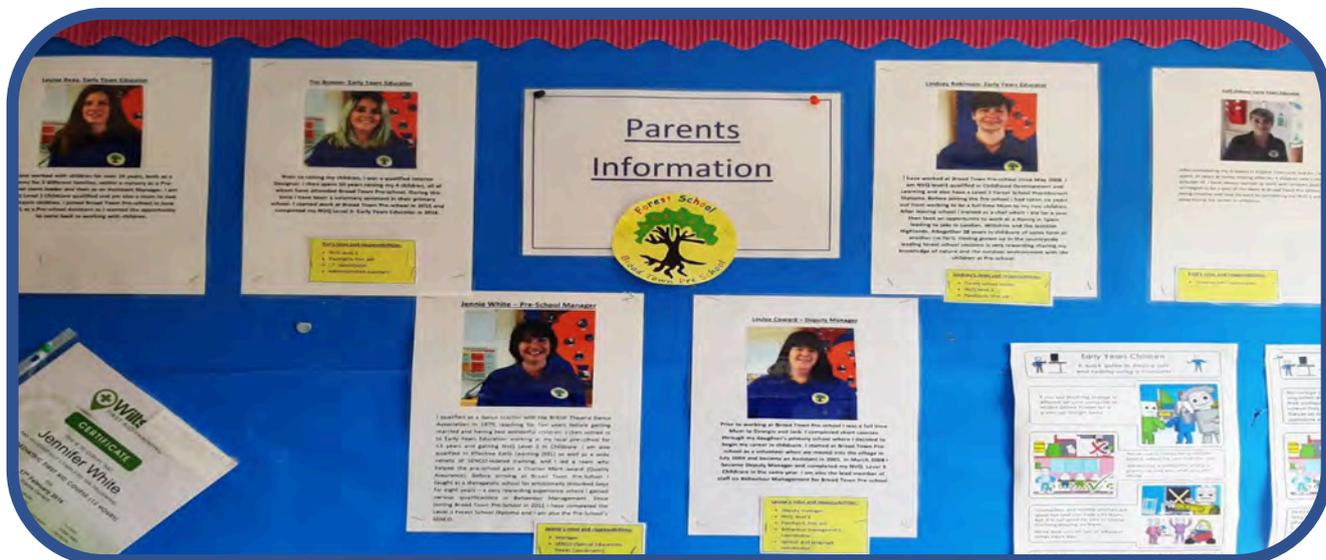
Sometimes your tray may also have a letter for Mummy & Daddy with important information on it.

This is our lovely t-shirts we can wear. They are great because it doesn't matter if they get paint, glue or even yoghurt on it!



To order please get Mummy or Daddy to email admin@broadtownpreschool.co.uk for an order form

These are the grown ups/adults/staff that you will see at Pre-School. Your Mummy & Daddy won't stay with you at Pre-school because they have to go to work or do boring jobs at home. One of these special people will



be your Keyworker/special grown up, who will look after you, give you a cuddle and read you stories



This is a Learning Journey.

You will have this special book which you, your family, or your Keyworker can put photos and pictures and information in to show your journey through Pre-School.

We hope that these photos will help you to settle into Pre-School and that you will have lots of fun with us.

We look forward to seeing you in September.