

Welcome to Pencoys Pre-School



Pencoys Pre-School, Loscombe Road, Four Lanes, Redruth, TR16 6RB 01209 215203

Our Pre School

Pencoys Pre School aims to offer high quality provision, learning and care for children aged two to four.

The Early Years staff have a wealth of experience and are committed to providing high quality learning experiences to the children in the setting. Our team are committed to easing the transition between home and school, so your child settles well, is happy to stay with us and you feel confident that they are in safe hands.

Children are able to choose from a wide variety of resources and activities in our well-equipped classroom and outside area. During the morning, the children sit down and share a drink of milk or water and a healthy snack.

Before going home children gather together for story time or singing.





During the summer term before your child starts school they will work closely with the Reception class to support their transition to school.

Our Pre-School Staff





Saffron Honour (Pre-School Leader) and Vanessa Davison





Cathy Bonds Headteacher

Jayne Kirk SFNCO

What your child will need:

- Enough nappies and wipes for the session if your child is not toilet trained
- At least one full change of clothes
- A water bottle (no squash please)
- Packed lunch if they are attending all day or for the afternoon session
- Waterproof coat, warm hat and gloves/mittens in cold weather, a sunhat and sun cream in the summer.







How you can help

It really helps us to have more time to help your child if you...

- Name everything clearly.
- Put your child in jogging bottoms or something with an elasticated waist. Skinny trousers, dungarees, baby vests, tights, zips and buttons all slow down your child from being able to go to the toilet themselves or for us to change their nappy.
- We like messy play and sometimes children have toileting accidents so at least one complete change of clothes is essential.
- Call the school office when your child is absent.
- Talk to us! We love to hear about what your child gets up to at home. Finding out about what is going on in their life helps us to plan activities based around your child's individual needs and interests.
- In hot weather, please apply a high factor sun cream to your child before they arrive.

Session Times

Morning sessions: 8.45 - 11.45 am available for children between 2 and 4 years of age.

Afternoon sessions: 12pm—3pm for children between 3 and 4 years of age from the term after they turn 3.

Children who are attending all day or the afternoon session need to bring a packed lunch with them.





Funding

Some funding for 2-year-olds is available. Please ask for more information or look at the following website

https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

If your child is not entitled to Government funding, a fee of £15 per session is payable

All 3- and 4-year-olds are eligible for 15 hours free childcare each week. If you work you may be eligible for 30 hours of funding. Please use the web-address above to find out if you are eligible.

Our Pre-School Spaces

We have a stimulating, exciting environment which enables our pre-school children to access a broad and balanced curriculum across the EYFS. Practitioners plan challenging and playful opportunities across the prime and specific areas of learning and development. This includes the essential knowledge that our children need to prepare them for their future success.

Early Years Foundation Stage

The three areas that are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving are:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We also support children in four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.

The specific areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design





Communication

Your child will have their own online 'learning journey' using a platform called Tapestry where practitioners will share photos and observations



We use Class Dojo regularly to communicate with parents. We use this platform to share photos, pre-school/EYFS and whole school messages. We advise checking Class Dojo regularly and you can also use this platform to send a message directly to the pre-school staff.



What next and how to apply?

- 1. Fill in the 'Expression of Interest form' and hand in at the school office
- 2. A member of pre-school staff will contact you to discuss your child's place/the waiting list
- 3. Complete the application form and 'All about me' booklet (pre-school staff will also discuss the funding requirements with you)
- 4. A member of preschool staff will contact you to arrange your child's transition visits (2 x 1 hour settling in sessions). If more sessions are needed, this will be discussed and agreed together as required.
- 5. Your child can start their allocated sessions.