



## Admissions Policy

It is the intention of Beckside Preschool & Nursery to make our provision accessible to children and families from all sections of the community. Our admissions policy operates within an equal opportunities framework and is regularly reviewed.

- We will ensure that the existence of Beckside Preschool & Nursery is widely known in local communities. Advertising notices will be placed in widely accessible areas, in more than one language if appropriate.
- We will describe practices in terms which make it clear that all sections of the community are welcomed.
- We will ensure that the description of the setting and its practices demonstrates how the setting enables children and/or parents with additional needs to take part in the activity of the setting.
- We will monitor the gender and ethnic background of the individuals joining the group to monitor our intake and ensure it is representative of social diversity.
- We will ensure that information about our setting is accessible in written form to all, where necessary we will try to provide spoken form, Braille, in more than one language, through signing or an interpreter.
- Children from birth will be admitted in accordance with our Ofsted Registration.
- We will endeavour to be flexible regarding attendance to accommodate the needs of all families.

The waiting list will be monitored and reviewed regularly, and children admitted on a first come first served basis.

EYE places will be offered in accordance with the Early Years entitlements operational guidance (June 2018) The Early Educational and Childcare statutory guidance for local authorities (June 2018) and the local conditions identified within the Early Years providers agreement. Funding is available from 8am-6pm and is flexible to meet parents' needs.

We offer term time: 38 weeks and a stretched offer: 47.5 weeks over a year.

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### **New admissions**

Parents/Carers must complete a registration form before their child can attend and sign and consent for this information to be maintained by Becksides Preschool & Nursery in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and Ofsted registration requirement under The 1989 Children Act.

Any changes prior to the confirmed start date can only be accommodated at our discretion and subject to availability. Written confirmation will be sent to the parent once a start date has been agreed. If a parent then wishes to delay a child's start date, we require at least one calendar month's notice to do so. If the notified start date is changed by the parent, we reserve the right to charge from the original start date notified on the original Registration form.

### **Childcare Funding**

**There are lots of government funding options to help parents with childcare costs.**

Although this doesn't mean that your childcare costs will be free, it does mean that your childcare costs could be much less than you expected. There are three separate government funded childcare schemes available to parents with children aged 2, 3 and 4. Becksides Preschool & Nursery encourages prompt payment but recognises that at times some parents/carers may experience financial difficulties. Becksides Preschool & Nursery will ensure that no child/children/families are penalised should this situation arise. Becksides Preschool & Nursery will endeavour to arrange a payment plan that is acceptable to both parties, enabling the child/children to continue to attend. All financial matters will be dealt with the utmost sensitivity and consideration.

### **In the event of non payment:**

- The Owner will liaise with the parent/carer concerned.
- A payment plan will be agreed if necessary.
- Where unmet payments continue the Owner will liaise with the parent/carer to arrange payment options.
- Parents will be liable for a late payment fee set by the business owner. Please see out Terms and Conditions.
- Where there is no resolution the child's/children's place may be withdrawn.

### **Tax Credit**

Becksides Preschool & Nursery is registered with Ofsted, therefore where appropriate parents/carers are able to claim child tax credit. Details are available upon request.

### **Childcare Vouchers**

We accept childcare vouchers, tax free savings, 2-year-old funding and 30 hours funding. Cheques should be made to Becksid e Preschool & Nursery.

*This policy has been adopted by Becksid e Pre-School & Nursery*

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