

Stratton Playgroup

Prospectus

Welcome to our Playgroup

Stratton Playgroup is a registered charitable organisation which is dedicated to quality sessional pre-school care and education for 2 to 5 year olds in our community. We are a warm, friendly and professional group that runs in partnership with parents to offer high standards of care and education to each individual child. We are also registered with Ofsted, social services and the PLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance), which is a highly regarded organisation that provides early years settings with support, guidance and training opportunities.



Our Aims

To provide you and your child with:

- Quality care and education within a safe and stimulating environment which provides a secure foundation, within which learning & development can take place.
- Quality learning through play, fun and new experiences.
- A broad and balanced educational programme which encompasses each and every child's individual needs and abilities.
- Equal opportunities for all children and their families within our community.
- We achieve these aims through a working partnership between parents / carers & the playgroup.

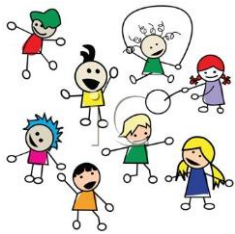


The Sessions

Stratton Playgroup runs in line with the Stratton Primary School term dates.

The sessions are planned to give a balanced structure of physical, quiet, free play and adult led activities, both indoor and out. Our carefully planned activities ensure that every child can progress with confidence through the 7 areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We plan for each child's individual developmental needs & interests; and keep the curriculum aimed at their level of ability. Some of the activities your child will experience throughout all our sessions are: arts & crafts, a variety of role play, sensory play, messy play, cooking, gardening, singing and physical games.



Mixed Sessions (2 - 4 year olds) – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday AM's

We are trialling mixed sessions this year; where we include the younger children. We can take up to a maximum of 12 2-3 year olds in these sessions.

3-4 year old sessions

These sessions are for the pre-school aged children, focusing on developing all areas of learning, with a particular focus on preparing them for the transition to school, including offering the letters & sounds phase 1 programme. Your child can move up to these sessions the term they turn 3, if there are available spaces, and you & your child's keyperson think they are ready.

Early Start

We offer an Early Start every morning. Parents are able to drop off at 8.30am, this is bookable in advance.



Lunch Club

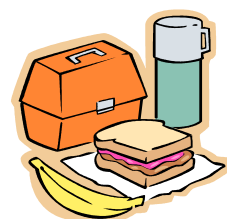
We offer a lunch club every day, from 12 noon to 12.30pm. Parents are required to provide a named nutritionally balanced packed lunch for their child (see lunch club leaflet). At the lunch club all children sit down to eat together, with staff; followed by a quiet activity.

2-3 year olds in Mixed Sessions:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9am to 12 noon
Tuesday & Thursday	12.30 to 3.30pm

3-4 year old Sessions:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am to 12 noon	12.30pm to 3.30pm
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Settling In

It is of the utmost importance that each child settles well into Playgroup and feels secure when their parent/carer leaves. This enables them to be happy and confident to interact with other children.

Each child is allocated a key person who, through shared information with parents/carers and a good knowledge of the key child, will give the support and care your child needs. Every child is different, so Playgroup welcomes parents/carers to settle each child at their own individual pace (eg. - leaving promptly or staying for as many sessions as needed, for your child to adjust and settle).

Parents & Playgroup

As our playgroup is a registered charity and not run by the County Council, we must have a committee of elected parents to be able to continue our services. They are supported by and work closely with the manager and administrator. We cannot stress enough how vital the committee is to our playgroup and how rewarding it is to be a part of it. If you are interested in joining our committee, please ask a member of staff.



Our playgroup welcomes parents to be involved in all aspects of their child's learning experience, from working with the children, as a parent helper; to assisting with fundraising events, to helping with the management and running of our playgroup.

We do invite parents/carers into our setting, once their child has settled, to work alongside the staff, as parent helpers. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see how your child interacts with others & to get to know the staff. We would love you to share your skills or talents, whether they are your occupation, hobbies or interests; or if you would like to help on an occasional basis; please speak to a member of staff.

Fees & Funding

The fees are payable weekly, monthly or termly *in advance*. Please note that fees must still be paid for absences, holidays or illness. Long term absences may be negotiated with the committee. Each child's attendance is conditional upon fee payment. If your child is leaving before the end of a school year, Playgroup requires two weeks written notice.



Fees for the year starting September 2016 are £12.00 per child per session; with the Early Start and Lunch Club at £2.00 per child each. Fees Can be paid by Cash, Cheque (made payable to Stratton Playgroup) or by your Bank's Online Payment System – please ask a member of staff for our details.



There is a concessionary rate available for families with more than 1 fee paying (unfunded) child attending at one time, please ask a member of staff for details.

Some children may be entitled to 2 year old funding; applications need to be made via Cornwall's Family Information Service, who can then approve up to 15 hours of funded childcare per week.

The term after your child turns 3 years old, they are entitled to Nursery Education Funding, which covers fees up to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of every academic year. This must be taken over a minimum of 2 days in sessions no shorter than 2½ hours and no longer than 10 hours in any one day, and taken between a maximum of 2 childcare providers. Forms for this as well as entitlement dates are given out at the beginning of term and need to be completed quickly; staff are always on hand to help with any queries. Once your child is entitled to this funding we ask that they attend a minimum of two 3 hour sessions per week.

We may be able to claim up to an additional £300 per year for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) for some children that are claiming EYEF with us, this additional money could make a significant difference to us, to support children's development, learning and care. Any parent, who thinks their child may be eligible, can have the appropriate details checked by Cornwall Council's Early Years Finance Team.

Under the flexible entitlement, parents with funded children can use the Early Start and Lunch Club as part of their 15 hours and therefore not have to pay for them. But if you intend to use your 15 hours of funded entitlement on normal playgroup sessions, or your child is not government funded, the fee for the Early Start and/or Lunch Club will be payable.

[Please contact us for further information:](#)

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