



## Chimneytots at Marston Moreteyne VC School

### Prospective Parents Guide



Chimneytots at Marston Moreteyne VC School is a local community provision with the aim of creating an affordable, flexible and high quality setting for children aged 3 and 4 years.

As our pre-school is part of Marston Moreteyne VC School, alongside the school, we have been judged by Ofsted as continuing to be a Good provider.



The two settings are located on the Lower School sites at both Church End and Forest End.

We offer full and part time places for children from the term after they turn 3 years old.

All requests for sessions are processed in accordance with our Admissions Policy.



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## Session times:

Sessions run weekdays, term-time only.

Morning session: 9-12

Afternoon session: 12:15-15:15

You can also book both sessions for the full day. This counts as 6 hours.

Hourly rate, above funded hours: £5.00

We kindly request a half a terms notice to withdraw your child from our pre-school.



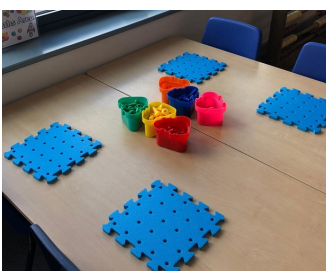
## Funded Sessions

All children are eligible for 15 hours funding the term after their third birthday. Therefore, if your child turns 3 on or before:

- 31<sup>st</sup> December they will receive funding from 1<sup>st</sup> January
- 31<sup>st</sup> March they will receive funding from 1<sup>st</sup> April
- 31<sup>st</sup> August they will receive funding from 1<sup>st</sup> September

Since September 2017 some families are eligible for 30 hours free childcare. Chimneytots offers the Universal 15 funded hours per week. Working with other nurseries and pre-schools we can enable those families who are eligible to take up the 30 hours free childcare across more than one provider. All additional Chimneytots hours that exceed the Universal 15 hours per week will be charged, currently at £5.00 per hour.

Fees are invoiced monthly and we kindly ask that they are paid within 2 weeks. Please note, invoices will be for the month ahead.



## Curriculum

Children start to learn about the world around them from the moment they are born. The care and education offered by our pre-school, helps children to continue this learning journey by providing interesting activities and experiences that are appropriate for their age and stage of development. The curriculum followed is the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**; this is a play-based curriculum for children from birth to five years of age.



Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking, all taking place both indoors and outside.

Our Early Years Practitioners plan for your child's progression; they teach with support and challenge and ensure that experiences are suited to your child's unique needs and interests.

## Our Values

The school is also a values school and we incorporate British Values into our curriculum, believing that these will enable us to provide an environment that prepares our children to be confident, happy and respectful towards others.

The infographic details the school's commitment to British Values. At the center is the school's crest, which features a shield with a cross, a bird, and a butterfly, with the text 'Forest End' and 'Church End' above it. Surrounding the crest are five boxes, each describing a value:

- Mutual Respect:** Staff, children and parents have high expectations of each other and good manners are promoted throughout the school. We are actively involved in the community. The children are proud of their village and recognise the value of their contributions to the people in it. Fundraising events for the school and other charities are very well supported. All children are given key responsibilities around the school.
- Tolerance of Those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** Our RE and PSHE curriculum provides pupils with the knowledge and understanding of different faiths, religions and cultures. We celebrate Christian festivals and festivals from other religions throughout the year. We have links with schools in Ghana and ..... Where we sponsor a child called Evasta. We promote children's understanding of the global community though learning about and donating to charities in third world countries.
- Democracy:** We have an active school council who are democratically elected and play an important part in everyday school life. We regularly seek the opinions of pupils and parents through questionnaires, informal discussions and parent consultations. Children select and vote for hymns and songs that they would like to see as part of our collective worship. Where age appropriate children learn about national and international elections.
- Rule of Law:** We have a clear behaviour policy that has high expectations for the whole school community. Each class have their own set of specific rules that have been created together. We have clear internet safety rules and pupils are regularly encouraged about being safe when using technology both at school and at home. We have clear safeguarding procedures that follow current regulations.
- Individual Liberty:** We encourage children to make safe choices and manage their own risks in a supportive environment. Children are actively involved to become independent learners from Acorns through to Oaks. This is particularly evident in our regular "innovation" weeks. Celebration assembly takes place weekly and this praises individual successes, birthdays and good attendance. We have a range of clubs on offer and pupils are actively encouraged to participate.

## Waiting List

If you would like any more information or to add your child to our waiting list, please call or email the school office.

There is also more information available on the school website.

