

**Cheeky Chimps Preschool**

**What are the opening hours of Cheeky Chimps?**

We are open from 7:45 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday:

**7:45 – 8:45 – Breakfast Club** – breakfast is provided and some children from Ashcott Primary School attend this session as well.

**08:45 – 11:45 – Morning Preschool Session** - snack included

**11:45 – 12:45 – Lunch Club** – you can either provide a packed lunch or sign up for cooked school meals.

**12:45 – 2:45 – Afternoon Preschool Session** – snack included

**2:45 – 5.30** **– After School Club** – children from Ashcott Primary School attend this session as well.

You can choose which sessions you would like your child to attend – all day, just the morning, morning and lunch, morning lunch and afternoon or just afternoon.

Cheeky Chimps is a **term time only** nursery and operates the same opening hours as Ashcott Primary School.

**How much does Cheeky Chimps cost?**

£5.20 per hour

**What should my child wear to pre-school?**

Cheeky Chimps does have a uniform but this is by no mean compulsory. The uniform consists of a polo shirt and/or sweatshirt in red. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to order any uniform or email cheekychimpspreschool@gmail.com.

Please dress your child in clothes that are comfortable and easy to pull up/down to make toileting easier. Also, because of the messy activities on offer, it is advisable not to wear best clothes to preschool.

**What does my child need to bring to preschool?**

As children have access to the outdoors on a daily basis, they will need:

* A coat appropriate for the weather every day.
* Children should also bring a bag containing a change of clothes. All items must be clearly named. Cheeky Chimps Preschool cannot be held liable for any item lost.

An **all day** suncream should be applied to your child in the morning if the weather is hot. We are very fortunate that our outdoor area is very shaded, however there are some parts that aren’t.

**What about toilet training?**

Children do not need to be toilet trained to attend preschool, please provide us with a bag containing nappies and wipes for your child’s requirements. Please do not pack nappy sacks. The pre-school is happy to work with parents during toilet training. Please provide several changes of clothes in case of accidents.

**What do you provide at snack time?**

During the morning session we provide a snack of milk or water to drink with a healthy snack to eat which varies from day to day. Examples of snacks are fruit, vegetables, bread based products (bread sticks, crumpets, toast etc.), cheese, houmous etc.

Please can you send your child in with a named water bottle each day, we encourage you to just fill it with water so your child gets used to just drinking water as most schools only allow this.

 **My child is staying for lunch. What will they need?**

You will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

* Packed lunches should be contained within a named lunchbox. We do not have the facilities to refrigerate packed lunches so be aware of this on hot days. The lunches will be kept in the cloakroom which is a cooler area of the preschool but you may wish to buy some lunchbox cool packs to ensure food stays fresh. We encourage parents to provide a healthy lunch and sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed. For health and safety reasons, we ask children not to bring products which contain nuts in their lunch box.

**How/When do I pay fees?**

Fees are paid in advance on a monthly basis. You will receive a bill which contains all of the information needed to pay the bill (bank account details). Cheeky Chimps are able to accept childcare vouchers.

**What is Government Funding?**

The Government provides free childcare for all children from the start of the term following their 3rd birthday. Every child is entitled to claim 15 hours of childcare per week. We also offer 30 funded hours for parents who are eligible. Please see the manager, Caroline Wills, or Julie Nicholls for more information. Cheeky Chimps is in position to offer Government funding for 2 year olds. Again, please ask for further information.

**What will my child be learning at Cheeky Chimps Preschool?**

Cheeky Chimps Preschool have a fully qualified Early Years Teacher as their manager (Caroline Wills). Caroline and the team will plan and deliver weekly phonic sessions to the children. We will also work with small groups of children during those mornings on other skills such as mathematics, literacy, story telling, understanding the world and expressive arts and design.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and we plan activities according to this framework. We try, as much as possible, to involve the interests of the children at Cheeky Chimps in our planning so feel free to share any topics that your child is particularly interested in with their keyworker. All of the staff at Cheeky Chimps are level 3 qualified or higher and will provide engaging activities that stimulate your child’s imagination, improve social skills and boost self-confidence. We believe that happy children learn best so we try to make all of our activities as fun and engaging as possible.

**What will my child be doing at Cheeky Chimps Preschool?**

For the majority of their time with us your child will be playing in our carefully planned environment that has the opportunity to cover all areas of the curriculum. Our setting has been organized for children to be independent learners, it gives them opportunity to make their own choices and develop vital skills that they need to move on in their learning. We have made sure that our staff have time to work alongside your child to take them on in their development during their play.

**How will I be updated about how my child is settling in and the progress that they are making?**

Cheeky Chimps has invested in an online version of the Learning Journey called Tapestry. Parents will all be given a username and password for Tapestry and you will be able to see photos, videos and information about your child and how they are getting on at preschool. The manager will email you when the Learning Journal has been updated so that you can share in what your child has been up to. There is space for you to comment on each entry and we encourage you to do this as much as possible. You can also share the learning journal photos with your child and add comments from them if you wish. Please remember to fill in your email address on the contact form.

In depth observations are carried out three times a year. You will notice that your child’s Tapestry account will have more in depth observations put on at this time. The rest of the time, to ensure staff spend as much time with the children as possible they will just put photo’s on with small explanations. This maybe about once every two weeks or so.

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