

# Clervaux Nursery Playgroup

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## Thursday's 1:15pm-3pm (term time only) for ages birth to 3 years

(newborn-11 months free, 12 months+ £1 per child, additional children 50p)



**\*\*Please note that nursery is a NUT FREE ZONE, so please DO NOT bring any nuts or products containing nuts into the nursery\*\***

**\*\*Please note the use of mobile phones and cameras are not allowed in nursery\*\***

### General Information

Welcome to Clervaux Nursery Playgroup, we hope that you and your child will have great fun with us. Attending our group is a brilliant way for you and your child to make new friends and get to know this Ofsted rated 'outstanding' nursery school. Our Group is open to all children aged newborn to 3 years, regardless of which nursery they will attend.

Clervaux Nursery follows the HighScope approach to Early Years Education. HighScope is a way of working with children based on the idea that they learn best from activities which they plan and carry out themselves. Through this, children learn that they are capable learners, able to make decisions and solve problems about activities that are meaningful to them. So, we strongly encourage this method and ask parents/carers to engage/interact with their child whilst at our Group.

Our Group is run by friendly unpaid volunteers who have enhanced DBS (Disclosing and Barring Service) checks. Nearly all of our volunteers have or have had children at our playgroup and loved it so much that they wanted to help run it, one has been with us for nearly 16 years! We fell in love with our playgroup and Clervaux Nursery School and are committed to making sure that our playgroup continues to thrive. We are continually adapting to ensure that each individual child's needs are met. We endeavour to make sure that our Group is a fun, friendly and social place for you and your child.

We are fun separately from the Nursery, but receive great support from Jenny Parker (Executive Head Teacher) and all of the staff.

It's a friendly, informal playgroup. We have our own committee, constitution (which is available should anyone wish to see it) and bank account. We are a non-profit community group. The main objects of our Group are: -

- to provide a friendly, safe and stimulating environment for pre-school children of all abilities and cultures, to learn together to develop confidence and life and social skills in preparation for entry to nursery,
- to promote opportunities for parents and carers to meet and socialise to develop friendship, mutual support and to prevent social isolation by providing educational, recreational and social activities,
- To promote equality and diversity to all

### **What to expect at our sessions**

Try your first visit for **FREE** and see how much fun we have. You will be given a warm welcome by one of our friendly volunteer's.

**Please note the use of mobile phones and cameras are not allowed in nursery. Please ensure that you sign in and out of each session.**

Buggies should be left outside in the parent's shelter. The toilet and baby changing table are located in the disabled toilet located in the reception area, please dispose of used nappies in the bin provide and **not flush them down the toilet.**

You will be given a registration and a consent form to complete at your first session. Please remember to let us know if any of your details change (i.e., home address, phone number etc.) **It is important that you let us know of any health issues, allergies and likes/dislikes that your child has.** Our volunteers are happy to help support you.

The children's safety is of the utmost importance, so please ensure that the security doors are shut behind you at all times. **Do not allow anyone to gain access to the Nursery**

Please do not distract the Nursery children from their normal daily routines.

Any new/broken toys should be given to a volunteer member

### **Your child remains your responsibility whilst at playgroup**

We have crafts, playdoh, soft play, messy play and of course lots of toys for free play time and we even have our own outdoor area.

Our snack time encourages the children and parents/carers to sit together socially and enjoy juice/water, fruit and seasonal treats. We ask that you donate a piece of fruit or snack per session, getting your child involved is great fun.

During 'Tidy Up Time' the children are encouraged to help the adults tidy up and put the toys away in the appropriate place.

Once a month, we'll receive a fun tour of the nursery, by one of their staff. This is a great way to have a look around their amazing indoor and outdoor facilities. Please also take a look at their website [Clervaux Nursery | Children at the heart of everything we do.](#)

Towards the end of each session, we have our '**Large Group Time**', during which we encourage all children and adults to join in story time, sing and sign songs, take turns, celebrate birthdays and hear any playgroup/nursery news. Young children love to sing, and to hear others singing – they aren't particularly bothered if you haven't got the best singing voice in the world! Please try and help by joining in with the singing, signing and actions – your child will also love to see you enjoying yourself! Whilst we **don't expect our children to sit still all the time, we do encourage them not to run around**. If for any reason your child does not settle, perhaps they would be happier looking at one of our books and having some quiet time.

On the last session of every month, we have a fundraising raffle (tickets are £1 each) and we are always grateful for donations for prizes.

We'd love to have some feedback from you and welcome any suggestions on how to improve our sessions.

## **Makaton Signing**

We'll be using some basic signs during our sessions to help communicate with your babies and toddlers and we'd love you to join in.

We are extremely lucky that one of our volunteers (Alison) has attended Makaton training and used to be the Sing and Sign baby/toddler signing franchisee/teacher for South Tyneside. She will happily chat to you about the amazing benefits of signing with your children.

More information about Makaton can be found at [www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org), they have a great selection of FREE resources. Also, you can learn many great signs by watching Mr Tumble on CBeebies.

Makaton is a language program using signs and symbols to aid communication. It is designed to support spoken language. It's great fun and the benefits of Makaton signing are well documented and can: -

1. Building communication prior to speech
2. Supporting emotional development
3. Makaton enhances language development
4. Signing may increase a child's IQ and their reading/spelling skills
5. Building attention and listening skills
6. Strengthening relationships
7. Promotes fine and gross motor skills
8. Brings people together and is enjoyable for everyone!

## **Keeping informed**

Join our friendly private Facebook group [Clervaux Nursery Playgroup | Facebook](#) to ask questions, find useful information and to contact us.

## **Code of conduct**

All members are expected to behave in a responsible manner, both to themselves and to others, showing consideration, courtesy and respect at all times.

Failure to follow this code of conduct or rules of the group will result in members being asked to leave.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM is held every October and is a great way to keep you informed of our achievements and accounts. We also ask for new volunteers to help run our group and join our friendly committee.

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