Welcome to the Seaford Rise Children’s Centre Pre-entry programme!

Staff
Director – Kim Noble (Lisa Liebelt on Wednesdays)
Teacher – Audrey Bley-Linn
Early Childhood Workers – Anita Vario, Maree Gillies, Ali Clennett and Heather Tinkler.

Pre-entry
Pre-entry is available for children who are turning 4. The programme provides the children with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that are provided in Sessional Kindergarten.

Your Pre-entry child will be eligible to attend one session per week for 6 weeks.

When your child first attends Pre-entry, it is important to remember that each child reacts differently to new situations. Some will settle quickly and others will take more time to feel comfortable with their new surroundings. The staff team is here to help support both you and your child with the transition process. Talking positively to your child about Kindergarten and the fun things that they are able to do whilst at our centre will also help.

NB: If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child, please write in the diary provided (placed by the payment box to the right of the kitchen bench). Otherwise, ring us if circumstances change.

We cannot let your child go with someone unless we are informed by you.

What to bring to Kindergarten
- A named bag for your child’s belongings
- A piece of fruit or a snack as per our food policy
- A named bottle of water
- A hat, broad-brimmed or legionnaire
- Spare clothes

PLEASE NAME ALL BELONGINGS!!!

Please find a copy of our Snack Time Guidelines in your information package.
Your child can hang their bag on a hook inside the building.

Car Parking
Please be aware that the car park to the south of the building is for staff and disabled parking only.

Note pockets
We keep parents informed by notes and newsletters placed in pockets labeled with your child’s name. Please check the pocket regularly for any new information.

Pre-entry pockets are located outside of the Director’s office. This location will change as your child progresses through Kindergarten. In their first term of sessional Kindergarten the pockets will be to the right of the kitchen and then will be moved to the left of the kitchen for the remainder of their Kindergarten time.

What will my child do at Kindergarten?
The aim of Kindergarten is to enhance and develop children’s social, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Your child will be actively learning through play experiences that allow them to construct, test, and apply their developing knowledge. Playing is important as it allows children to practice skills over and over again and develop at their own pace.

Our Kindergarten programme is based on developing the children’s interests, skills and abilities through using the national curriculum framework (EYLF). While we are helping to prepare the children for their next step to school, we refrain from specific teaching, such as the alphabet. However, we do immerse and expose the children to a variety of numeracy skills and pre reading and writing skills, as well as a range of other experiences. Our aim is to provide the children with age appropriate activities that are both educational and FUN.

What is Sessional Kindergarten?
Your child is entitled to full time Kindergarten for 4 consecutive terms before they start school. Full time sessional Kindergarten refers to 4 sessions per week. Sessions run for 2¾ hours. Additional information is available in your information booklet and we will remind you of what to expect at the end of your child’s Pre-entry time.

What to do on your first day of Pre-entry.
Please come through the side gate and wait outside until the staff open up the middle doors as we will be inside setting up for the day. Encourage your child to carry their own bag and show them where to hang it. If you are having problems leaving, please talk to a staff member. We are experienced in these situations and can usually find the most appropriate way to help your child to settle.

You and your child are very important to us and we are here to help you. If your child needs support of any kind whilst at Kindergarten, we aim to help. Please approach us with any queries or concerns.

We really look forward to working with you and your child.
From the Kindergarten Staff.