CHIRPY CHICKS PLAYGROUP
THE VILLAGE HALL
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PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT PLAYGROUP

Telephone: 075 7788 5185

Number of Funded Places: To be determined

Contact Name: Jill & Nick Moore (Managing Directors) Fiona Anderson (Pre-School Leader)

Respective Functions of the Board of Directors
The Directors draw up the admissions criteria, along with the Pre-school Leader, and are responsible for applying these criteria.

Session Times
We offer 5 play sessions for up to 26 children per day from Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 12.00noon.

Information Sessions
The Pre-school will hold an information session for parents wishing to apply for a pre-school place in December 2017, and dates will be available on our website at www.chirpychicksplaygroup.com and Facebook Page @chirpychicksplaygroup. We look forward to meeting you and your family and starting your child on their journey into education.

Admissions Criteria
For funded places under the Pre-school Education Programme the following criteria will apply to children in their final pre-school year ie born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015:

1 Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who were born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015.
2 Other children in their final pre-school year.

Note: Children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' means a child whose parent is in receipt of (i) Income Support, or (ii) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or (iii) an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same, or (iv) Universal Credit. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they must have their application form stamped by the Social Security /Jobs and Benefits Office to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment.

In the event of over-subscription, in any of the above criteria, places will be allocated to children in their pre-school year according to a points system, with one point being awarded for each of the following criteria met:

(a) Parents have listed Chirpy Chicks Pre-School Playgroup as their first preference;
(b) Chirpy Chicks is the nearest Department of Education funded setting to their home;
(c) The child has attended Chirpy Chicks as a pre-pre-schooler;
(d) A brother or sister has previously attended the Playgroup;
(e) Special Circumstances ie medical or social circumstances for which attending Chirpy Chicks could be beneficial, supporting evidence must be provided by the parent/carer.

In the event of children having the same number of points on the above criteria places will then be allocated on the basis of the initial letter of their surname in alphabetical order, and if necessary the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

Duty to Verify
The Directors reserve the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application form.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Directors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

Waiting List Policy
The Waiting List Policy is available directly from the Pre-school Playgroup and available upon request.