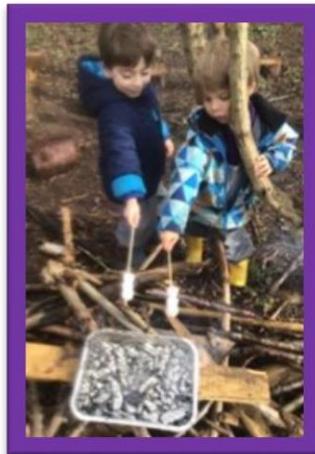


## Welcome to North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that you are considering North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School for your child. North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School is situated in our brand-new, purpose-built school building. The building has been specifically designed to offer a safe and secure learning environment, for all children to enjoy. Our bright and airy Pre-School classroom offers children the chance to learn by engaging in a wide variety of activities, planned to meet every child's individual needs. Within the Pre-School we use the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum to support our planning and tracking of each child's development.

In addition to our Pre-School setting, children in attendance also have access to the wider school facilities, including; extensive grounds, two Forest School areas and an all-weather, artificial grass sports field; state-of-the-art IT facilities, including a green screen, robotics and full-class sets of iPads and specialist rooms for practical activities such as music, IT, dance and cookery. The Pre-School has its own garden, interactive whiteboard, toilet and changing facilities and dedicated staff team.



As part of North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School, you and your child will also belong to the wider community of schools within the Rivers CofE Academy Trust. Rivers CofE Academy Trust was established in 2014 and is now a family of 'good' and 'outstanding' schools and pre-schools across Worcestershire. At North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School, your child will benefit from participating in enriching, collaborative events with schools from across the Trust and from the experience and expertise of our school improvement team, a team of leading education professionals who provide guidance and support to all schools and pre-schools within the Trust.

NWPA Pre-School offers 50 weeks Pre-School provision to children aged 3-4 years (we are closed for two weeks at Christmas). Children may start pre-school the day after their third birthday. However, please note that you will not receive nursery education funding until the term after your child's third birthday – please see the table below. You may choose to take this across: 38 weeks per year (term-time only) or “stretched” over 48 weeks per year (we are closed for two weeks at Christmas, bank holidays and teacher training TED days).

When your child turns 3	When they can get 15/30 funded hours from
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September

The Pre-School day runs from 8:30am – 3:00pm and children may attend on a full-time or flexible, part-time basis. Additional wrap around care is available, both before and after Pre-School hours. Our funded hours are 8.30am – 3.00pm and your childcare funding (15 hours or 30 hours) can only be used for these hours. You can if you wish use childcare vouchers or the government's Childcare Choices scheme to pay for wrap sessions.

Children may either bring their own packed lunch or have a hot lunch for an additional £2.60 per meal, provided by the school. Hot lunches can be ordered via our online booking system, with allergies and intolerances fully catered for. More information on our menus can be found on our [website](#).

Morning session Option 1	8.30am – 11.30am
Morning session Option 2	8.30am – 12 noon (includes lunch time)
Afternoon session:	12.00pm – 3.00pm
Wrap:	7.30am – 8.30am
	3.00pm – 4.00pm
	3.00pm – 5.00pm
	3.00pm – 6.00pm

Session	Time	Cost
Breakfast Club	7.30am – 8.30am	£3.85
Morning session Option 1	8.30am – 11.30am	£6.00 per hour
Morning session Option 2	8.30am – 12.00pm	£6.00 per hour plus optional hot lunch (£2.60)* or packed lunch from home
Afternoon session	12.00pm – 3.00pm	£6.00 per hour
After-School Club	3.00pm – 4.00pm	£3.85
	3.00pm – 5.00pm	£7.70
	3.00pm – 6.00pm	£11.55

\*NB: Childcare vouchers / Childcare Choices or childcare funding **cannot** be used to pay for meals

At NWPA Pre-School, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and Department for Education's Development Matters guidance. These guide learning through a variety of key developmental areas, whilst promoting children's learning through play. Each day your child will enjoy a wide variety of activities and experiences such as; phonics and numeracy sessions, cooking, outdoor play, art, music and movement, singing, story-telling, sensory play, and Forest School. We also welcome visitors to our setting, such as the police, the fire service and 'The Animal Man'.

As soon as your child starts pre-school, he/she will be assigned a Key Worker. Your child's Key Worker will be responsible for collecting key information about his/her development and progress. However, the whole staff team will work together to ensure a holistic view of your child is built.



At NWPA Pre-School, we want our children to feel part of a larger family and so Pre-School children wear the same purple polo shirt as the rest of the school, attend celebration assembly on Friday afternoon and are led by our Trust's STAR values of Sharing, Trust, Achievement, Respect and Safety.



### **Pre-School Uniform**

Black or navy jogging bottoms/leggings
Purple polo shirt with school logo
Purple cardigan/sweatshirt with school logo

Black school/smart shoes, preferably with a Velcro fastening. Children will need to have a pair of wellington boots (named) in school at all times. Children wearing nappies or pull-ups will need to bring these with them each day they are in (a spare change of clothes is also advised). Our uniform supplier is Brigade Clothing Ltd and you can find more information about the uniform prices and how to order our uniform on our [website](#).

### **Hair Accessories and Styles**

Hair should be neat and tidy and not an extreme style. Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Plain purple hair bands and bobbles should be worn to school. Large bows and colourful hairbands are not suitable. Hair colourants are not allowed unless special permission is given i.e. for fund-raising events.



In preparation for starting school, we encourage your child to be as independent as possible. We recognise that, as parents/carers, you are the most important people in your child's life and we look forward to working closely with you as your child takes this exciting next step.

You can make an appointment to come and see our beautiful Pre-School and wider school by phoning the school office on 01905 953850. Application forms are available on our website or call in and pick one up from the school office. Once you have registered your child, he/she will be invited to join us for two free induction visits. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to North Worcester Primary Academy Pre-School very soon.

Stuart Grimes  
Headteacher