



Statement of Purpose

The aim of Deganwy playgroup and playgroup plus is to create a happy and friendly environment in which girls & boys can grow confidence and develop social skills. By allowing the boys & girls to explore and learn through play, the staff encourage the girls & boys to develop new skills to ensure an easier transition into primary school education.

We provide sessions within our registered full daycare hours, for up to 30 children during term time between the ages of 2 ½ - 3 years for playgroup children, and 3-4 years for playgroup plus children who attend part time school.

The playgroup is run by a voluntary committee of parents/carers who employ a team of qualified and dedicated staff.

All staff and key members of the committee are DBS checked where needed). The minimum staff ratio is 1:4 with one adult to 4 children aged 2 years, and 1:8 with one adult to 8 children aged 3-7 years.

The playgroup is situated in the school grounds, in a purpose built premises at the Deganwy Play and Learning Centre. Pedestrian access to the building is via a gate on Pentwyn Road. We have a light open plan room, (77sq.m) which is divided into different learning areas; these include small world play, role play area, craft area, quiet area for looking at books and for circle time. We have wall mountings to display the children's work. We have a Playgroup Pet (currently an African Land Snail) And get tadpoles and caterpillars when possible, for the children to watch grow and develop.

There is access to an outdoor area, with an all weather soft impact surface and covered veranda; there is also a grassed area which includes a willow den, a wooden activity house, soil digging area, sand pit and a mud kitchen.

The playgroup session runs from 9am to 11am Monday to Friday or 9am till 1pm or 9 am to 2.45 pm extended sessions , for those parents requiring extra care provision for their children that are 3 years old. The playgroup plus sessions run from 9am to 1pm & 11.00am to 2.45pm in term time as wrap around care. These are for the children we collect and take to Ysgol Deganwy.

The majority of activities and experiences offered are carried out in English and the children are introduced to the welsh language through activities, song and a general introduction in each of the learning areas.

A registration form must be completed and a contract signed before a child can attend playgroup or playgroup plus. Should it be required we have a comprehensive complaints policy.

We have access to 3 year funding for all boys & girls who meet the necessary requirements. Where we teach the Foundation Phase education for the registered 3 year olds who meet the criteria needed.

We aim to offer our service to all families with boys & girls of eligible age within the local community.

In the event of a complaint please address your complaint to the registered person, *Lisa Castle-Roper*, or the *Chairperson of the committee* who has been delegated by Lisa to resolve complaints.

At any time during the process of the complaint being resolved, the complainant has the right to complain to CSSIW (CSSIW.org.uk) or, where relevant, the local authority which has arranged for the care of a child at the provision.

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