

Smilers Pre-School is a committee run pre-school, part of Walderslade Baptist Church, meeting in their upstairs hall.

We are members of the Early Years Alliance (previously Pre-School Learning Alliance) whose aim is to enhance the development and education of each child under statutory school age through play.

We are registered by Ofsted for 20 children per session. We have 20 children AM and approximately 14 children PM (for Smilers Extra) Smilers is open Mon - Fri 9.00am - 12.00noon for all children aged 2+ we recommend at least 2 sessions per week to help your child to settle quicker. Fees are.....£12.50.....per session until your child is eligible for LEA funding - this will commence the main term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, but you will not automatically be able to increase to 15 hours, this would be subject to availability.

Smilers Extra is our preparation for school group it is available for the academic year before your child starts school. It is open Mon-Thurs 12.30pm - 3.30pm. If your child is eligible for afternoon sessions you will be given the option of how you would like to use your 15 hours, full days or half days whatever suits you and your child.

There is a lunch club every day for 3+ year olds, subject to availability, this is an additional charge of £3 per day and requires that you bring your child's own packed lunch in a labelled bag/box.

At Smilers we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage, which monitors children's progress from their birth until the end of their first year at school (reception class), using the 7 areas of learning

### 3 Prime Areas

#### *Personal, social and emotional development*

- Making relationships
- Self- confidence and self- awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour

#### *Physical development*

- Moving and handling
- Health and self-care

#### *Communication and language*

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking

### And 4 Specific Areas

#### *Literacy*

- Reading
- Writing

#### *Mathematics*

- Numbers
- Shape, space and measure

#### *Understanding the world*

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology

#### *Expressive arts and design*

- Exploring and using media and materials
- Being imaginative

We have 8 members of staff 'Aunties' who work on a rota basis. When your child starts at Smilers they will be given a Keyperson this Auntie compiles a 'Learning Journey' of the time your child is with us. It shows their areas of development and includes information, photographs and samples of things that your child has done. You will see the learning journey at various times and be given the opportunity to input information we believe that parents are their children's main educators and therefore it is essential for us to form a strong partnership with parents. At the end of your child's time at Smilers you will be given their learning journey to keep.

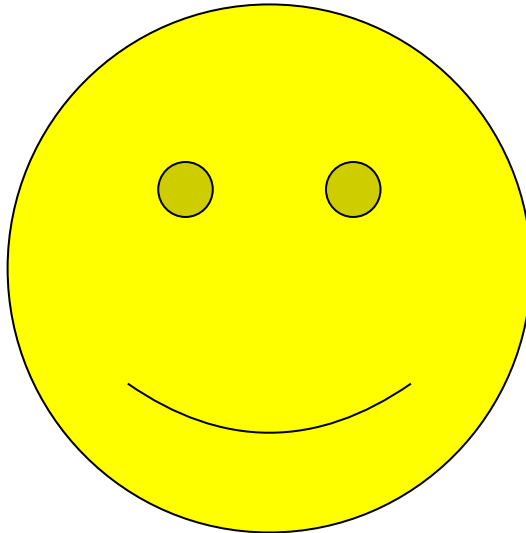
Our Smilers staff have relevant childcare qualifications. We have a high children/staff ratio, with one adult to every 4 children. All Smilers staff have CRB/DBS and health checks, a Paediatric First Aid certificate, Safeguarding training and regularly attend courses to update their skills and knowledge.



*At Smilers our aim is to provide a small, friendly, nurturing environment where our children can develop a love of learning through play!*

# SMILERS PRE-SCHOOL

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