

Chesterton Playgroup has had a successful year with playgroup ratios filled for each day. The children have enjoyed learning about the local community, and we continue to link with Chesterton Primary School as most of our children move to school there in September.

Our staff team is a small but committed team consisting of four staff working with the children and one administrator who works two days a week.

We are taking bookings for the next academic year and this looks to be promising for the setting to be part of the local community and we are also recruiting for another member of staff.

We are fundraising still for our garden and resources and hope to see things develop soon.

As with all early years settings we are faced with many challenges including making costs meet against the funding rates. Most of our children are funded and there are different rates for different age groups. It is a balance of maintaining good value for money as well for the parents that pay, and we charge a reasonable and competitive rate for those sessions. The cost of living and wages increasing do mean that we have to maintain a balance of income and we are hoping to achieve a very small profit by the end of the year. This will be put back into the setting for children's resources and any necessary things that we need such as providing one to one support for children who need extra support.

We hope that playgroup will continue to be a local community resource for many families in the years to come. We continue to be supported by volunteer trustees and always welcome new people who wish to join the team.

If you would like more information on the activities we do with the children please visit our website: www.chestertonplaygroup.org.uk and look at the weekly blog. This provides a snapshot of our planned activities, and we do a lot more as well.

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