Welcome to Cowling Preschool!

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to come and see us. We are very proud of our preschool, which has been part of our local community for over 30 years. We originally set up at St Andrew’s church hall and moved to our new premises at the Village Hall in 2012 as this offered us a permanent room for all our equipment and toys, more space and a great child friendly outdoor play area. We are a non-profit making, voluntarily managed, community group which offers quality childcare and education. We are open 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) from 9am to 3pm, which is two sessions per day. (Term time only.)

We cater for children from the age of 2 to 5 years old. We charge £13.50 per three hour session. A minimum of 2 sessions per week is required.

Funding is currently available, up to 15 hours, for all 3 and 4 year olds and is also available to some 2 year olds. Extended funding for up to a total of 30 hours may also be available to working parents – please ask us for further details.

We follow the national curriculum, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Children develop quickly in the early years, and our team aims to support our children through several areas: communication and language; physical and personal development; and social and emotional development. We also work on literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. All this, of course, is done by encouraging our children to play and interact, and mostly have fun!

We have seven members of staff, Vicky Leddy – Manager, Nicola Smith – Deputy Manager, and our practitioners – Fiona Twigg, Robyn Sharpe (currently on maternity leave), Becki Booker, Sophie Longfellow and Kay Bamford.

We have a website which contains all our up to date information and newsletters - please do visit us online at [www.cowlingpreschool.co.uk](http://www.cowlingpreschool.co.uk)

**But best way to find out more about us is to come for a visit! We’d love you and your child to spend some time with us, to find out what we are really like and to play with our hand-picked team of experienced and friendly staff. We look forward to meeting you!**