CAMBO Preschool

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
(may be subject to changes)

FEBRUARY

Monday 23rd	Back to Preschool

MARCH

Thursday 5th	World Book Day. Children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book or their PJs. The children will be carrying out lots of different activities on the day. The theme is **'Go all in'** Reading for Pleasure!
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day – Children can come in fancy dress or in their PJs. £2 Donation.
Saturday 28th	Wraparound & School Easter Fayre

MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACKS (PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A NUT FREE SETTING)



Preschool will provide your child with a healthy snack for both the morning (09:30) and afternoon (14:30) break. There will be a small cost of £1 per day, (50p per morning and 50p per afternoon), towards this service. This payment can be made online weekly, monthly or termly.

Please pay online: Account: Cambo Preschool, Sort code: 30-95-76, Account Number: 01881111. Please use your family name & snack as reference.

If you would prefer to provide your child with a healthy snack, please only provide the following items:

Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Yoghurt, Bread Sticks, Houmous, Cheese (not cheese strings), Hard boiled eggs, Sandwich fingers (ham cheese, tuna), Fruit, plain or cheese scone, Cream Crackers, Plain Rice Cake (not Snack–a–Jack), Fruit Malt Loaf/Fruit Bread, Cooked Chicken (not fridge raiders), Cooked Ham, Cooked Sausages, Oat Cakes.

We provide milk at morning snack and water is always available.

For further ideas and health snack swaps you can visit:
https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/sugar/
https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes

We would still very much welcome, on special occasions (e.g., birthdays), any homemade cakes, scones or fruit skewers to share with the group!

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD BEFORE OR AFTER LUNCH
Please come up to the Preschool outdoor area and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS
If your details change e.g., address, email, mobile phone number, can you please email us on cambowraparound@hotmail.co.uk, or let a member of our staff know so we can update our records.

UNIFORM
We have a Pre-school uniform, which is voluntary. It consists of a red polo shirt and sweatshirt with our owl logo. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see a member of the pre-school team.

ON-LINE BANKING - PAYING FOR PRESCHOOL SESSIONS & UNIFORM

Please pay for your preschool sessions and any uniform online, the information you need is:
Account: Cambo Preschool, Sort code: 30-95-76, Account Number: 01881111. Please use your family name as reference and either uniform or preschool.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Preschool children are welcome to stay for lunch. Lunch is provided by Cambo school. The cost for lunch is **£2.20** per day and is paid directly to school. **Payments for lunch must be made online**. You can pay weekly, monthly or half termly, you will not be invoiced for lunch you need to keep a record of the days your child stays for lunch. The information you need for payment is:

Account number:	53023915
Sort code:	20-58-25
Account Name:	Northumberland County Council
Reference:	2246*your child's initials*320005

Reference: You must put the following in the reference box: 2246, then your child's initials, then 320005. For example for me this would be - Reference: 2246JH320005. This reference enables school to track all your lunch payments.

Once you have made an online payment, please email Carol, (School Secretary) to let her know and the amount you've paid and the dates it covers. (carol.flatman@cambo.northumberland.sch.uk).

ENTRY AND EXIT FROM PRESCHOOL

Entry: Please bring your child up to our preschool outdoor area to wait. At 08:45 you can say your goodbyes and send your child into Preschool with a member of staff.
Exit: Preschool staff will bring children down to the car park at 15:00. If you are collecting your child before 15:00, please come up to our preschool outdoor area to collect them.
If you are going to be late in dropping off/picking up, please let us know by calling or texting the **Preschool mobile 07887 409641**. (Please also refer to our Late Pick-Up Policy).

CONTACTING PRESCHOOL

Please could we ask that you always contact Preschool on 07887 409641 or cambowraparound@hotmail.co.uk, with any information/changes regarding your child. We also have a confidential email address which only the managers have access to, if you need to contact us with confidential information: cambowrapmanagers@outlook.com. The school office **should not** be contacted unless it is an emergency, **and** you have been unable to contact Preschool.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING & INDOOR SHOES

Please can we remind you to **ensure all your child's clothing/footwear is named**: Coats, jumpers, joggers/leggings, hoodies, hats, gloves, footwear etc.



We also need you to ensure that your child has the following in Preschool:

- Sun hat/woolly hat (depending on season).
- Change of clothes.
- Named water bottle.
- Wellies.
- Indoor shoes (plimsolls, crocs or slippers etc).
- Named bottle of suncream (depending on season).



EASYFUNDRAISING

Please help to raise money for our Preschool when you're shopping online by going through Easyfundraising. You can download the app to your mobile to make it easier to use. For more details please don't hesitate to ask.
Link - **https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cambopreschool/**

PRESCHOOL PRICES

Currently a small charge is made to our friends who do not receive funding. Fees of £15.50 for each 3-hour session (or part thereof). A full day, 6 hours = £31. These fees can be paid sessionally, weekly or half termly.

All regular sessions must be paid for even if your child does not attend, e.g.

- Session fees are still due for payment in the case of holidays.
- Session fees are still due in the case of sickness.
- If preschool is unable to open (for example, due to adverse weather conditions), fees are not payable.

If your child is unable to attend one of their regular sessions during the week, we may not be able to offer an alternative session without there being an additional charge, please ensure you discuss this, wherever possible, in advance with your key person, Sarah or Johanne.

LATE PICK-UP

On the first occurrence of being late, it will be recorded on a 'Late Collection' form and signed by the member of staff on duty and by another member of staff to witness the time of collection. You will be told by the member of staff on duty that a lateness record has been added.

The 2nd and subsequent occurrences will incur a £5.00 fee for the first 5 minutes late (or part thereof) and a further £5.00 for each subsequent 5 minutes (or part thereof), any late collection fees incurred will be added to your next half term invoice.

ABSENT OR SICK CHILDREN

If your child will not be attending Preschool, we would be grateful if you could **ring, email or text** us to let us know, if possible before 09:15 – **Preschool Mobile: 07887 409641**.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, please allow 48 hours before they are brought back to Preschool. If they have any infectious illnesses such as chickenpox, could you please let us know so we can alert other parents.

If your child takes poorly during Preschool, staff will judge whether they need to be taken home and will inform parents in the first instance. Please be aware that we cannot administer medication, unless it is prescribed by a doctor, and you have completed a Preschool medical consent form.

We can administer Calpol, but only once during the day, and after you have completed a Preschool medical consent form. If we feel your child requires additional Calpol we will contact you to come and collect them and please allow 48 hours before they are brought back to Preschool.

HEAD LICE

Please keep checking your child's head weekly for lice and inform a member of staff if your child has head lice.

TAPESTRY – PRESCHOOL'S ONLINE PERSONAL LEARNING JOURNAL

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Tapestry is our online personal learning journal. It really is the best way to see what fun your child is having within our setting. We post both pictures and videos of what we are doing, and we'd love you to comment on these. You can also post your own pictures and videos of your time at home. If you would like to view Tapestry before you sign up, please ask a member of the Preschool Team.

PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a Secret Facebook page for Preschool parents. It was created to aid discussions and to allow parents and staff to put forward ideas, have debates and hopefully endeavour to improve and progress Preschool. All important information will be sent by Tapestry or emailed to parents. Facebook is here to allow group discussions, pass on information and answer questions easily. If you would like to join the page, please speak to a member of the Team.

KEY PERSON

Each child within Cambo Preschool has a key person. A key person is an important person in your child's life whilst at preschool. This person will help to settle your child in and build a good relationship with both you and your family and the child. Parents/carers should take the time to build on this relationship at any given chance, for example, discussing any important events in their child's life, or any difficulties their child may be experiencing.

The key person oversees their key child's development record; however, this does not mean that other members of staff will not be adding to the record as well. A key person can identify any gaps in a child's development and plan to meet the child's individual needs. A key person oversees gathering information from parents/carers. They will also communicate with other professionals, as necessary.

Your child's key person will work with your child, help them learn and encourage them to achieve. They will get to know your child well, become attuned to their likes, dislikes, attitudes, and preferences and will provide your child with particular support at key times.

If you are unsure of who your child's key person is, please speak to a member of the team as soon as possible.

THE EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides an extra 68p per hour for children aged 9 months to 4 years, whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits, or who were formally in local authority care, but who left care because they were adopted or were subjected to special guardianship or child arrangement order. This means an extra £388 a year for our setting, for each child taking up the full 570 hours funded entitlement to early education. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

Who is eligible for EYPP? Children aged 9 months to 2 years and children aged 3/4 and are in receipt of 15 hours of free childcare, and you must also receive at least one of the following:

- Income support.
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided they're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit.
- If they have been 'looked after' for 1 day or more.
- If they have been adopted from care.
- If they have left care under a special guardianship order of residence order.

If you believe you may be eligible, please let us know as soon as possible and we will let you know what we need to do next to secure this funding.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

We have a Complaints Policy for parents to follow within our Wraparound Policies. These are held in our file in the Wraparound cupboard, or you can view online at our website http://www.cambo-preschool.com

We also display Ofsted contact details on our noticeboard in our preschool outdoor area for parents who have any queries or issues regarding Early Years.

EMAIL

Sending correspondence via email helps us reduce printer ink cost as well as saving paper etc. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of our correspondence, please speak to your key person.

STAY & PLAY

Stay and Play runs every Tuesday 09:00 to 10:30 in Cambo School Hall.

Current fees per session (includes Tea/Coffee, fruit/biscuits): Under 1s: £1.50 & Over 1s: £2.50.

PARENT HELPERS



We always welcome any parent/carer wanting to help in Preschool, it could be to read a story, sing some songs, anything you like! Please see a member of staff if you are interested and can spare the time. If you would like to be a regular helper in Preschool, you will need to have a DBS check. This is part of our Safeguarding Policy for adults who come into contact with children on a regular basis and is a statutory requirement. If you need more details, please see a member of staff.

If you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to your key person or to Sarah or Johanne.

Johanne & Sarah

Johanne Hodgson & Sarah Sayer
Cambo Wraparound Joint Managers