

## **Drop-off and Collection**

All children attending Early Risers may be dropped off any time after 8.45am. No children will be admitted into the main playroom until that time. Children arriving for the morning playgroup session will wait in the hall as usual for the 9.15 session to begin. They will not be admitted early.

Please note that if your child being collected by anyone other than a parent or nominated person (as on your child's Registration Form), then notice must be given to staff in advance. Children not attending the Lunch Club must be collected promptly at 11.45am.

Children attending Lunch Club can be picked up anytime before 2.30pm but no later than 2.30pm.

## **Contact Information**

For more information about Ferryfield Playgroup or our additional care provisions, Early Risers and Lunch Club, please contact our Admin. Manager, Gill Brown.

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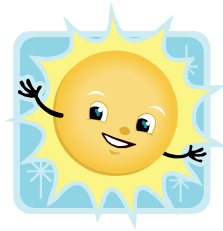
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## **Information Booklet for**

## **Early Risers and Lunch Club**

# Ferryfield's Early Risers



Monday - Friday 8.45am -9.15 am

## Introduction

The purpose of Early Risers is to provide morning care prior to playgroup for children aged 2 years and 6 months to age 5. The hope is that this will give parents and carers greater flexibility when dropping children off for playgroup. This service is registered and inspected by the care commission and is in line with current legislation. Early Risers is run by the Ferryfield Committee. Your children will be looked after by Playgroup staff, but it should be stressed that this is not an education session and no food will be provided. Activities will be provided for your child to choose from.

## Fees

The cost for each session will be £1.50. To be paid for in advance wherever possible.

## Working Tax Credit

As part of Working Tax Credit, you may qualify for extra help towards the costs of Early Risers, Playgroup Sessions and Lunch Club at Ferryfield Playgroup. You can only get this if you are working at least 16 hours a week. If you are part of couple, you both must work at least 16 hours, unless one of you is prevented from working due to incapacity. The child care element of Working Tax Credit is worth up to 70% of your weekly costs on approved child care. To check if you are eligible for help with costs, call the Helpline on **0845 300 3900** or go online at [www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits](http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits).

### **Fees for Services\***

	Funded Children	Non-Funded Children
Playgroup session	£0.20	£2.50
Early Risers plus Playgroup Session	£1.70	£4.00
Lunch Club plus Playgroup Session	£4.20	£6.50
Early Risers, Lunch Club and Playgroup Session	£5.70	£8.00

\* These fees include a snack fee charged at 20p per playgroup session.

### **Registration and Availability**

Priority is given to children who are already registered with Ferryfield Playgroup. Parents are required to fill in a supplementary registration form for the Lunch Club and Early Risers. The use of either Early Risers or the Lunch Club is independent of Playgroup sessions. Also, while you can take advantage of both Early Risers and Lunch Club you are not required to use one if you use the other.

If you would like your child to take part in Lunch Club to allow time for an appointment or other one-off basis, please speak to a member of staff to see if a place is available on the day you require.



## **Lunch Club**

Monday - Friday 11.45am - 2.30pm

### **Introduction**

The purpose of Ferryfield Playgroup Lunch Club is to provide lunch time care for children aged 2 years and 6 months to age 5. The hope is that this will give parents and carers more flexibility and opportunity to return to work or study. The Lunch Club is run by the Ferryfield Committee. Your children will be looked after by Playgroup staff, but it should be stressed that this is not an education session. Activities will be provided for your child to choose from.

### **Fees**

Each session will be charged at £4.00 to be paid for in advance wherever possible.

## **Lunch**

You should supply your child with a packed lunch labelled with their name. We will provide you with one ice pack, for a £1.00 deposit, which should be included in your child's lunch pack each day.

Because of food allergies we must insist that you DO NOT provide your child with food items containing nuts (eg. peanut butter, snickers, picnic, etc.). Please advise a member of staff of any dietary requirements or food allergies.

Please do not send fizzy drinks, chocolate, or sweets with your child. Staff will encourage your child to first eat their savoury food before sweet food. Also for safety reasons, please do include glass bottles or cans in the lunch box.

All uneaten food will be returned to you at the end of the day, expecting drinks and foods like yoghurt, which are not feasibly kept if partially eaten.

## **Ideas for Lunch Boxes**

Small sandwiches or rolls (child's choice of filling)

Biscuits and Cheese

Bread Sticks and Dip

Yoghurt or Fromage Frais

Fruit Juice

Mini Sausages

Chopped Vegetables and dip

For ideas please take 'Handy Hints for a Healthy Lunch Box' from the parent information area.

## **Activities**

Ferryfield Playgroup Lunch Club will provide your child with several activities for their entertainment. They will be able to help with washing and drying up plates from lunch, watch videos or listen to story tapes and play tabletop activities such as board games and puzzles. Occasionally we may have visitors join the Lunch Club to tell us about their work. This may include policemen, fireman and greengrocers from the supermarket among others. Also a quiet area will be provided where children can relax and read. Blankets and chairs will be provided. Please advise a member of staff if you do not wish your child to sleep.