



Welcome to the Wesley Crèche

The crèche was set up to provide parents/carers the opportunity to enjoy a short break with the knowledge that their children are being looked after in a safe and caring environment.

It also provides a place for children to learn through play whilst taking their first independent steps away from their primary carer.

Useful Information

The crèche operates Monday, Thursday and Friday morning only, from 10.00 to 11.50am.

It is found upstairs at The Wesley Church Centre, St. John Street, Chester—follow the joyful noise! - and is open to children aged from 18 months (and steady on their feet) to 3+ years.

The cost is £4.00 per session, payable for a term of sessions including any your child may miss. Payment can be made either up front in full for the term or on a week by week basis.

Introducing your child

We operate on the basis that you know your child best.

Coming to the crèche may be the first time you will be leaving your child in the care of someone else and it takes time to get used to new surroundings and people.

Should we need to come and get you, we therefore recommend you stay in the building until your child becomes familiar with the crèche, our routine and has had a chance to get to know us.

As it is a place where your child will be left, we suggest you begin this process from the first session, even if it means going for a short time and building it up from there. When in the room we ask all parents/carers to sit at the side and leave their children to explore the room on their own thereby allowing us to interact with them.

If you are not familiar with Wesley, there is a very good café downstairs.

Toileting

We are happy to change nappies (please bring your own supplies) and we will also give those children who are toilet trained, or in the process, ample opportunity to go during the session. In case of an accident, please leave spare clothes.

Session Format

The basic structure for each session is:

General play with the available activities as listed below plus occasionally an art activity or water play.

Snack time at around 11.00am.

General play with the introduction of puzzles and games.

Song time concludes the session before parents collect their children. If you wish to join in at this point you are very welcome.

Available Play Activities

Sand play * Painting * Home Corner * Dolls House * Water Play * Play Dough * Slide * Games * Cars * Construction Toys * Chalk Board * Drawing Table * Jigsaw Puzzles * Dressing-up Clothes * Train Set * Ride-on Toys * Rocking Horse * Book Corner

Warning! Some activities can be messy! We do encourage the children to put aprons on, but accidents do happen. Please don't dress your children in their best clothes.

Snack Time

We expect the children to sit down at a table to have their snack and drink. We offer a drink and some fresh fruit followed by a plain biscuit.

Who is in charge?

The crèche is staffed by volunteers, who give of their time freely, under the leadership of Lesley Twigg. A different team assists on each day.

Lesley is the mother of two girls and was a volunteer at the crèche for a few years before taking on the role as leader.

Everybody is subject to safety checks by the Methodist Church and have to sign a disclosure agreement.

How many children attend?

We can accommodate up to 18 children with a ratio of 1 adult per 3 children. A waiting list operates.

How can you help?

We ask that parents/carers help on a rota basis when we know volunteers are going to be unavailable or sometimes when doing a particular activity we feel extra assistance would be beneficial. At such times we will ask parents to sign up on the notice board in the crèche room.

Contact

You can contact Lesley via the Wesley Church on 01244 323037 between 9.30am and 12.00pm, Monday, Thursday and Friday during term-time, or by email: lesley.twigg@outlook.com

**Come and visit us
and see how much fun we have!**