



General Information

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Dates and Times of Operation

Cornerstone Christian Preschool operates by the school term, in line with Cornerstone Christian School. Terms for 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

2017 Term dates

Term 4 – Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

2018 Term dates

Term 1 - Monday 30 Jan - Fri 13 Apr

Term 2 - Mon 30 Apr - Fri 6 Jul

Term 3 - Mon 23 Jul - Fri 28 Sep

Term 4 - Mon 15 Oct - Thurs 20 Dec

2018 Public holidays during the school term

Waitangi Day public holiday - Tue 6 Feb
Easter break - Fri 30 Mar - Tue 3 Apr
Queen's Birthday public holiday - Mon 4 Jun
Labour Day public holiday - Mon 22 Oct

Hours of Operation

The preschool is licensed for 40 children over 2, and generally caters for 3 – 5 year olds. The hours of operation are 8.15 – 3.15 Monday to Friday. Two sessions run within this time, overlapping over the lunch time, which is a wonderful time to promote communication around the table with peers and teachers. Children may attend both sessions, space permitting.

Morning session: 8.45 – 12.45
Afternoon session: 11.45 – 2.45

The extra half hour at each end of the preschool day is in addition to these two sessions, and children may be booked to attend at this time. Wherever possible, we try to accommodate the attendance needs of your children and family.

Staffing

All permanent teachers are ECE trained and registered. Relieving teachers are either ECE or primary trained and registered, in training, or untrained but experienced. Regular part time (permanent) teachers often act as relievers when the need arises. All teachers are safety checked (this includes a police check).

Costs

Fees

The "20 Hours ECE" funding is available to all 3 to 5 year old children, up to 6 hours per day, and 20 hours per week, across all services. **An Attestation Form must be signed to access this free funding.** Any hours in addition to the 20 hours ECE are charged at \$5.70 per hour per child. This will be billed each term unless otherwise arranged with the Administrator. There is a Childcare Subsidy which may be available from Work and Income New Zealand.

Please note: absences are charged for.

Your child may be able to attend additional sessions on a casual basis at the same fee: this depends on vacancies and staffing. (This must be by pre-arrangement).

Optional Charges and Donations

There are no optional charges at present.

The Preschool has found that donations make a huge difference to the preschool's functioning. An hourly donation is requested: some families are able and willing to make donations: however, this is completely voluntary. At this stage, donations (not fees) are able to attract tax rebates for families.

Uniform

There is no uniform required by the Preschool. However, upon starting, each child is issued with a named green hat, which remains the property of the Preschool. This individualised hat is worn by that child only.

Other requirements

Unless there is a special need, children need to be toilet trained upon starting sessions, as numbers of teachers do not permit a teacher leaving the floor for this purpose. The teachers are there to support and help children, and can remind children if they need to use the bathroom.

Please note:

Although the **Pastoral Reference form (Confirmation of Regular Worship)** ensures priority entry to sessions, this is not a prerequisite for a child attending Cornerstone Christian Preschool. However, parents need to be able to support the preschool's special character.