

More about Learning:

We offer learning based on modern Early Years teaching with a wide variety of activities incorporated into our daily routines.

We provide an environment that is specially designed to help children develop socially, emotionally and intellectually, using special materials and equipment.

Our ethos, at its heart, values and respects each child and is designed specifically to allow each individual to develop at his or her own pace whilst developing initiative and independence.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and through a wide range of practical and stimulating activities, children's confidence and self-discipline are developed. Together with the fun of being and physically working with other children, they learn self-respect based on their own achievements and understanding.

'Tell me and I may forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand'



Contacts:

The kindergarten is run by Sue Triscott and Elaine Brady along with experienced staff members.

Please ask a member of staff for session time contact numbers.

For booking and information either email info@abacuskindergarten.co.uk or call the appropriate preschool.

For other queries please feel free to email or call us on 07768 170726. We are always happy to answer any queries you may have.

Preschool addresses:

Abacus Kindergarten – Friars Grove
Friars Grove Primary School
Upland Drive
Colchester
Essex
CO4 0PZ

Abacus Kindergarten – St Johns
St John's Primary School,
Claylane Grove,
Colchester,
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Welcome to Abacus Kindergarten, offering a professional and unique service based on modern Early Years teaching.

Aims: We offer a safe, secure and happy environment for your child. We provide stimulating and reassuring care to enable your child to develop at their own pace, whilst having fun, making friends and becoming a confident and independent person. We encourage the children to interact across the age range to facilitate learning from each other. We work with parents and carers to optimise each child's experience.

Facilities: The Kindergartens have classrooms with a homely feel, with all furnishings being child sized. In addition we have wonderful, enclosed gardens for the children's use. All equipment can be explored freely by the children and we offer free flow between outdoor and indoor spaces.

Extra Activities: We invite the children to take part in additional activities such as music, dance, cooking, and 'preparing for big school' sessions to broaden their experience over and above the curriculum. Also, throughout the term, we will provide the opportunity for parents to become involved, perhaps in story time, open sessions or with trips such as nature walks.



"This ideally situated Kindergartens, with only small numbers of children, offer a gentle transition from home to school"

High staff numbers ensure every child's needs are met.

Structure of the day: We open five days per week, offering a morning session and a full day session each day except Wednesday when we only offer a morning session.

Friars Grove:
Morning session: 9.15am to 12.15pm
Afternoon session 12.15pm-14.45pm
Full day 9.15am-14.45pm

St Johns:
Morning session: 9.00am to 12.30pm
Full day 9.00am-14.00pm

Drinks and healthy snacks are provided during the morning session. If you child attends the afternoon session, a packed lunch is required from home.

We welcome children from all areas of Colchester, from the age of 2 years and only ask that they can be dropped off and collected on time each day.

Term dates generally follow those of Essex County Council and the Primary school's non-pupil days.

Fees are to be paid half termly in advance and we aim to keep these as competitive as possible. Please ask for current rates.

The kindergartens are registered for **funding** for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and Essex currently offers all children 15 funded hours per week from the start of the term after they turn three. Criteria for 2 year old funding is more stringent and this must be applied for on an individual basis.

Some optional, extra-curricular activities may also be chargeable. We are happy to be flexible to suit your personal arrangements but ask that children attend at least two sessions per week to ensure that they settle and become part of the Abacus community.

