



NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3 Primrose Street • Newtown, CT 06470

December 20, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in the Newtown Public Schools Preschool Program. The program offers quality educational services to children who have disabilities and to typically developing peers, referred to as Play Partners. Play Partners are role models to their disabled peers and benefit from instruction aligned to Connecticut Early Learning Development Standards.

If you are interested in having your child participate as a Play Partner, please complete the [Play Partner Questionnaire 2024 - 2025 \(LINK\)](#) by February 16, 2024. Play Partners are required to be three years of age on or by September 1, 2024 and be toilet trained before they are admitted to the program. You are still encouraged to complete the questionnaire if your child turns three shortly thereafter. We accept play partners throughout the year, accordingly. Children five years of age by September 1, 2024 are kindergarten eligible and will not be considered for participation as Play Partners. Kindergarten eligible children may not remain enrolled as a student in the Newtown Preschool Program.

Following submission of your questionnaire, the preschool team will contact you to invite your child to participate in a Play and Meet the Teacher activity scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, March 15, 2024 at Newtown Preschool Program located at Sandy Hook School. A preschool staff member will email you prior to the play session to confirm the details of the activity. Only one adult may accompany the child for the play activity.

You will receive notification through email by April 5, 2024 regarding your child's Play Partner status. Parent confirmation of Play Partner participation will be due on April 26, 2024.

Newtown Public Schools Preschool Program Details are as follows:

Program Days: Mondays through Thursdays

Program Hours: Morning sessions run from 9:00 to 11:45

Afternoon sessions run from 12:45 to 3:30

Location: Newtown Preschool located at Sandy Hook School

Rate: \$2,400.00 for a full year four half day program

If you, a caregiver or an educator have any questions or concerns about your child's development in any of the aforementioned developmental domains, rather than moving your child's application forward as a Play Partner, it may be more appropriate to discuss your concerns and provide you with specific information regarding early childhood development or consider an evaluation. Please feel free to call Ms. Laura Pellerito, School Psychologist, at (203) 426-7683, if you have any questions about your child's development.

Sincerely,

Sonia L. Raquel
Supervisor of Special Education