



Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

August 2020

We welcome you all back after a long unforeseen period since our closure on March due to the COVID outbreak. We will be focusing on children's transitions from their home environment back into our nursery. We hope to make this as comfortable and safe as possible for all our Gartconner children. Our main focus on this recovery will be the children's health and wellbeing and their safe return to Gartconner. We would like to welcome all new and returning children! ☺

Staff Update

Congratulations to Rachel Travers our DHC who will be expecting a new arrival in October. Rachel will be going on maternity leave in Sept but all parents will be informed of dates. We wish her the best of luck with her new baby and look forward to her return.

We welcome Devlin and Leonie who will be working with us on a full time basis. Both staff are awaiting to start their new roles at the new Lairdland EYC. They will be here to support the staff and children until then.

Registration

Can all parent make sure they are dropping off their children to their allocated zones on arrival? Staff will be available to collect the children from the outdoor area. We will continually be reviewing zones to ensure we adhere to the government guidance and promote best practice at all times. We will notify all the parents of any changes made.

What we are learning about / focusing on?

Butterfly Room

The main focus for the 2s room will be settling the children into the nursery environment and encouraging them to build relationships with their key workers/peers. The children have been accessing outdoors for most of their session. The planning for the butterfly room will be child lead. The staff will focus on particular interest and further develop this.

Blossom Room

The blossom room will be focusing on the safe return to Gartconner EYC and children's wellbeing. We will ensure children continue to have the access to all areas of the curriculum and the outdoors throughout the day. The children are encouraged to use their imagination through the use of provocations provided by staff. Elizabeth and Lynsey (Nursery Teachers) will be focusing on numeracy and literacy with the pre-school children. If you have any concerns, please speak to the allocated key worker.

Buddy system: The staff buddy system was introduced to ensure effective communication with parents. When children are dropped off and picked you can speak to the following staff:

Heather & Monica – Claire & Sarah – Rachel & Leanne – Megan & Lorraine - Linda & Lynsey – Beverley & Suzy – Caroline & Shauna.

***Please note all staff are responsible for all children. In the event that either of your child's key workers are unavailable please speak with any member of staff/ Senior Management Team*.**

Dates for your diary

Healthy eating week:

28th of September- 4 October 2020

Children in need

13th of November 2020

Nursery closed

September: Friday the 25th- 28th 2020



General updates

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled to avoid any confusion.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions as we will be outdoors part of the day adhering to government guidance COVID 19.

Please ensure you are bringing in the following:

Sun cream, sun hat, indoor shoes, wellies, waterproofs, indoor shoes (label all belongings)

Forest Kindergarten:

We will notify all parents when the kindergarten will be up and running. Please ensure you have all signed the consent for this before your child starting with us.

We need your help!

We have been encouraging the children with their hand washing hygiene in the nursery. The children have been going into the toilets to wash their hands every day when entering the nursery. We are also prompting the children to do this throughout play and at the end of the day. We would like for you to work with us to ensure the same is happening at home. This will help to reduce the risk of infections and the spread of viruses. This is for all the service user's safety.

Your views matter

If you have any suggestions or any kind of input we kindly ask if you could share this with us here at Gartconner. We will continually review our planning and areas to suit the children's needs and interests. Please speak to a member of staff who can help you.



Meet The Team

Depute Head of Centre –Rachel Travers (Mon, Tue and Wed)

Depute Head of Centre – Jan Robinson (Thurs and Fri)

Senior EYW – Hoda Al-Hili

Nursery Teachers – Elizabeth Wilson, Lynsey Docherty

Blossom Room (3-5)

Key Workers –Suzy Wright, Heather Woollon, Megan Hutchison, Lorraine Daily, Beverley Gray, Monica McKernan, Linda McColl, Claire Holmes, Sarah McBride, Shauna Turner, Leanne Ritchie, Alyson Ramsay, Caroline Cowan, Rachel Rodger, Lynsey Murray

EYW Supporting Staff : Leonie French and Devlin Ryan

Early Years Support Worker – Katey Bodle. Modern Apprentice – Jenna MacHattie, HNC Student – Siobhan Hale

Butterfly Room (2-3)

Alison Berrie, Ross Harrison, Angela Curtis