



Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

September 2020

We are pleased to see the zones operating well and zone areas are allowing a staggered approach. As we are now four weeks into practice we have witnessed a smooth drop off/picking up of children. Please be aware we will continue to provide a safe and nurturing environment regardless of COVID. We will continue to follow government guidance minimising the risk of infections. We would like to thank you for your continuous help and support during these unforeseen times.

Staff Update

We welcome Lynsey McMillan who will be working with us part-time on a Wednesday in zone 2 to help and support the staff and children.



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 2s room are prioritising the children's settling and making sure they are formalising their self with children's personal learning plans and responding to personal needs. The staff have been planning responsive experiences focusing on the children's interests of play. This is mainly on their health and wellbeing and outdoor play.

Blossom Room

The blossom room are focusing on planning experience around the health and wellbeing of the children. We have been responsive to children's choice and interest of play for our planning. 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. The children are divided into zones as you are aware when dropping of and picking up, however the children in both zones have equally access to the same resource provision. The children have been accessing the outdoor area most of their day adhering to children's choice of play.

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

Nursery events:

Halloween dressing up week: 26-30th of October



Your views matter

Parents/carers have not been able to enter the school building due to COVID19. We will be working with parents through different methods of communication to ensure the service operates to the best standards in partnership with parents and carers.

COVID 19 recovery planning was emailed out to all the parents and carers in relation to wellbeing and support of the current pandemic.

Some comments received from the parents:

"More information would be useful, we are not kept informed with the progress or even changes"

"Guidance on what to do if my child is unwell. Unsure of protocol for under 5's"

This will enable the staff team to work collaboratively together to provide the best service possible through parental enjoyment and communication.

In response the above survey comments we are ensuring we are following government guidance and EDC policy at all times. We will continue to inform all parents and carers of any changes being made within the nursery.



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 are now looking into local walks. We will notify all parents/carers when this will commence.

Meet The Team

Depute Head of Centre –Rachel Travers (Maternity leave)

Depute Head of Centre – Jan Robinson (Available Thursday & Friday)

Senior EYW – (Available Monday-Friday)

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, Racel Rodger, Lynsey Murray, Leonie French, 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