



Craighead Early Years Centre

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome



We are delighted to welcome our new and returning children to Craighead EYC and are over the moon that everyone is safe and well after lockdown.



Drop off/Pick up Arrangements



We will now welcome and dismiss children from our main nursery entrance within our garden. We ask that families continue to observe physical distancing guidance issued by the Scottish Government. In order to achieve this, within our garden we ask that you stick to the left as you enter and leave. To ensure distancing, parents are asked not to come on to the ramp, instead staff will invite you forward to drop off/collect your child.

Our Day in Nursery

We aim to be prepared for all the exciting adventures each new day presents us! As such we request that you:



- Send your child to nursery wearing clothing and footwear appropriate to the weather meaning:
 - ⇒ Sun cream applied before arrival on sunny days
 - ⇒ Hats and gloves on cold days.
- Ensure your child wears footwear appropriate for playing in the garden. Please ensure that footwear does not have laces to allow your child to develop self help skills and independence.
- Provide indoor shoes, commonly black gym shoes, that will be kept in their shoe box in nursery.
- Provide a waterproof jacket and wellies
 - ⇒ to remain in nursery if possible.
- Provide a non drawstring bag containing a change of underwear and clothes to cater for any mishaps, this will remain in nursery.
- If your child wears nappies or pull-ups, please provide a pack, along with some wipes, that will remain in nursery. Staff will inform you when we need more.

Staffing

We recognise how difficult it is for families leaving their children in a building that some of you have not yet seen with staff many of you have yet to meet! We want to reassure you that we are sharing lots of positive happy experiences in nursery which allows us to develop relationships with your children. We also plan to take turns at the door so that you can get to know each of us too. Below we added a wee photo gallery so you can put a face to the names you hear your child say.





Privacy Notice

During your child's time at Craighead EYC, we will ask you to provide us with all the information we require to keep your child safe. This information will be stored securely and shared with those involved in your child's care and learning. Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in order that information stored can be kept up to date.

Contacting Us

We now have a direct phone number to allow you to contact us with any queries or to inform us if your child is poorly and won't be attending. If we've not heard from you by 9.30am, a member of the team will give you a call to ensure everything is ok. Telephone number: 0141 955 2272



Sharing our Adventures

Many things have changed this year due to our new guidelines. We now wish to create a new normal that allows you to share in your child's journey in nursery. As such, we will use Learning Journals, regularly updating them with experiences your child has had in nursery. You will then receive an email notification asking you to login to view the observation. You can either do this through the Learning Journals website or by downloading the Learning Journals app to your device.

Returning children already have a Learning Journal (please advise a staff member if you require your login details to be resent to your email) and we aim to set up profiles for our new children this week and send login details to the email addresses provided.

We are excited to be able to share these experiences with you and hope you will enjoy sharing these with your child at home so they can add more details about each experience!

Please click on the Learning Journals icon or type the link below into your browser to learn more about accessing and using Learning Journals.

<https://learningjournals.co.uk/resources/parent-guide>



Treat Fund

Following on from discussions with many families, we would like to confirm payment details:

- Children attending 5 sessions pay £2 per week, £26 for the term or one annual payment of £78

Due to current restrictions, we request that payments are made termly, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name. Please hand your envelope to a member of staff when you drop your child off and we will forward it to the office.

Treat fund is asked for as a contribution towards paying for the children's healthy daily snack, special celebrations, visitors etc. These photos give a flavour of some of the things our Treat Fund allows us to offer the children. We are very grateful for parents paying this contribution as we would not be able to offer the children these fantastic opportunities without it. Many thanks for your continued support!



Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support this week. We are happy to help with any query you have, please just speak to a member of our team.

