



Galston Early Childhood Centre

Newsletter: 7th January 2022



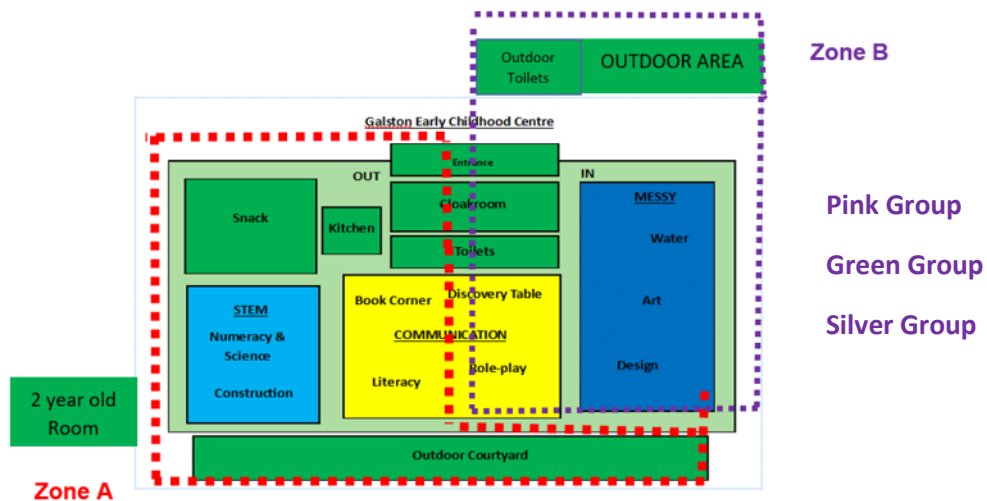
Happy New Year!



It has been lovely to welcome children back into the Centre this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for the support and understanding when informed of the necessity to provide a reduced hours service. The impact of the increased transmissibility of the omicron strain of the Virus has resulted in low staffing levels on our return from the festive break. We look forward to returning to our usual session patterns from Monday 10th January 2022.

New Arrangements

With the increased transmission rates of the Omicron variant, the Centre has taken the decision to re-introduce zoned areas with the playroom. This will enable staff to monitor close contacts more effectively to ensure the safety of all service users. There will be no change to your child's keyworker, group or session allocation. The playroom will be split into 2 zones, each with direct access to outdoor spaces. The floor plan below illustrates the zones within the playroom.



Blue Group, Purple Group, Yellow Group & Red Group.

More detail will be available on the School/ECC APP, BLOG Page by following the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/galstoneccmain/newsletters/>

Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Services (East) EAST AYRSHIRE Health & Social Care Partnership

Telephone advice line



If you have any questions or are worried about how a child or young person is managing with their:

- **Self-care tasks** for example washing, dressing, toileting or bathing
- **Play and leisure skills** for example participating in sports and hobbies
- **Nursery or school** Participation and access within the nursery or school environment
- **General mental health and wellbeing** - impacting upon their mood and motivation levels
- **Sensory preferences or differences** - impacting on their participation in everyday activities

Our Telephone Advice Line is open every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm

Please phone: 07584 174110

We can also be contacted via email on:
aa.childrenyoungpeoplesoccupationaltherapyeast@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

You can discuss your concerns with an Occupational Therapist. We can also support you to make a request for assistance to the Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Service if required.

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Have Your Say!



We are keen for parents and Carers to be able to have their thoughts and voices heard in the running of the Centre and their child's Care and Education within Early Years. We need to work within COVID Safe guidelines, therefore plan to introduce Virtual Parent Meetings where parents / carers have the opportunity to meet (virtually) with a Deputy Manager to ask questions, make suggestions and contribute to the planning of events and learning opportunities in the Centre. Feedback from our on-line survey indicated most parents would prefer an early evening meeting between 5pm - 6pm.

A letter will be issued for parents to express interest in attending and will request an email address which a virtual link can be sent to for the meeting through VScene APP. It's planned for the first meeting to be held on Thursday 27th January 22 at 5pm.

Primary One School Registration



Primary One registration week will take place from Monday 10th January until Friday 14th January 2022. All applications require to be completed online by following the link below:

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Any placing requests should also be completed online with a closing date for Placing Requests being Monday 31st January 2022

Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye to Fiona Gallacher (Pink) who will be taking up a position closer to home in North Ayrshire. We also will be saying goodbye to Marion McIntyre who will be returning to an EEL role (equality and excellence Lead) at Whattriggs Early Childhood Centre. We wish them luck in their new ventures!

Let's keep everyone safe!



We request that all parents /Carers wear face masks (unless exempt) when dropping off and collecting children from the Centre and maintain 2m social distancing.

Spring / Summer Calendar 2022

We are finalising the Events Calendar for the Spring and Summer terms. The calendar will outline all events, holidays and meetings planned until June 22. We hope to publish this calendar to all service users by Friday 14th January.



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