

Welcome to Early Learning and Childcare at Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre – Fergus Place



Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre
Fergus Place
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Our Vision

Our vision is to create a safe, welcoming, fun, nurturing, inspiring environment for all. A respectful, inclusive community where everyone can learn, achieve and reach their full potential together.

Mission Statement

Nurturing children & Empowering families

Our Values

Happiness and Wellbeing - We prioritise the happiness, safety and well-being of every child creating a secure and supportive environment where they can thrive.

Respect and Inclusion - We embrace diversity and promote respect and inclusion, ensuring every child feels valued and understood.

Learning through Play - We believe in the power of play as a fundamental aspect of learning, encouraging curiosity, creativity and exploration.

Holistic Development - We support the holistic development of children nurturing their physical, emotional, social and cognitive growth.

Partnership with Families - We work in close partnership with families recognising the importance of collaboration and open communication in a child's development.

Excellence in Care - We strive for excellence in all aspects of our care and education, continually seeking to improve and innovate in our practices.

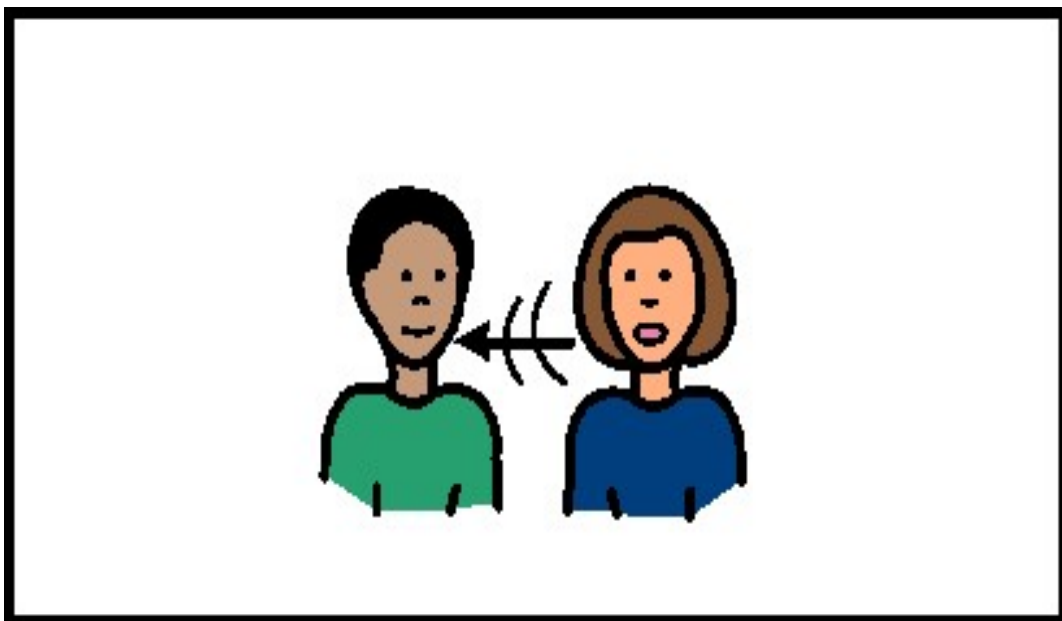
Empathy and Compassion - We foster empathy and compassion, teaching children to understand and care for others and their surroundings.

Sustainable Practices - We are committed to sustainability, instilling a sense of responsibility and care for the environment in the children we nurture.

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Communication at Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre

- There are noticeboards located outside or inside each nursery room with information for parents/carers. Please make sure you look at them regularly.
- Sign up to Seesaw and get regular updates about learning in the playrooms.
- Additional information is sent out via e-mail/text alerts and in letter form.
- Information is also available on our Facebook page and our website.
- Each term a full newsletter is shared on Seesaw and on our website with information about events held in nursery and future diary dates of upcoming activities
- Policies/parents leaflets are available for your information on the website.



Child Protection

- All children and young people in Fife have a right to be cared for and protected. We all have a part to play to ensure that children are safe and their needs are met.
- At Beanstalk, we believe that "child protection is everyone's job and everyone's responsibility". Children's welfare is very important to us all and we take that very seriously.
- We aim to provide a safe and supportive environment and work together with other agencies to ensure that all children are safe and protected from harm. The nursery has a duty to follow the Education and Children's Services Child Protection Guidelines in all aspects of Child Protection and Care and Welfare.
- If you have any questions regarding any of the above or concerns please speak to our Child Protection co-ordinator team:
 - * Vicki Thomson — Depute Head of Centre
 - * Kirsty Doyle — Headteacher
 - * Yolanda Pearson — Early Years Lead Officer



PLJ — Personal Learning Journey

- Every child has a folder containing their PLJ.
- Your child's keyworker group is responsible for recording your child's learning and achievements some with photographic evidence and tracking their progress.
- You can look at and add to your child's folder at anytime, please speak to staff.
- There are 'Learning at Home' sheets which you can use to share special moments specific to your child and family.
- You can also send in pictures on Seesaw and we will print and add into the folder.
- The children are encouraged to look at and take ownership of their own PLJ.
- You will be invited to Progress Meetings so you can hear about how your child is doing in their learning and work together with your child and keyworker to share success and plan his/her next steps.



Learning Through Play at Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre

- The nursery aim is to provide children with a rich and stimulating learning environment, where playing and learning go hand in hand. A varied selection of materials and activities will be provided in response to children's interests and needs, throughout the session, using both the indoor and outdoor environments.
- Resources and activities are not just for fun: most toys and materials help to encourage children's development in different areas so that even when children seem to just be playing they are learning at the same time. All the materials and activities provided in nursery have been planned to support certain areas of a child's development.
- During the session the staff interact with all the activities to encourage learning outcomes.
- The staff continually observe the children and use the information gained to assess each child's development and to plan next steps for all children.
- Consideration will be taken to ensure that provision is made for children with additional support needs and abilities.
- Children are actively encouraged to plan their own learning and this will be displayed on each room's learning wall, parent/carer's contribution to this is valued.

What will your child need at Nursery?

- Clothes that will enable children to be independent and that you don't mind getting dirty or messy.
- A change of clothes which can be kept at nursery in the event of a child having an accident, getting wet or muddy.
- Jacket appropriate for the weather.
- Welly boots (as children can be outdoors whatever the weather)
- In summer your child will need a sunhat and sun cream applied before their nursery session.
- In winter they will need hat/scarf/gloves

**Please label all items of clothing
with your child's name.**



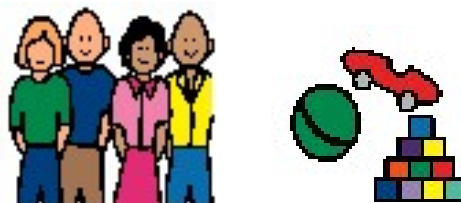
Parental Engagement at Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre

Stay and Play session

- We have regular "Stay and Play" sessions where you can come and play with your child for a short while and be involved in your child's learning experience.

What's on?

- The nursery offers a variety of ways parents/carers can be involved in the nursery life e.g. parents workshops, parents groups, Bookbug sessions, parents & toddler groups etc.
- Please find information on the Family learning board located at each entrance and/or speak to Beanstalks Family Worker - Lynne Ewart



Learning Events

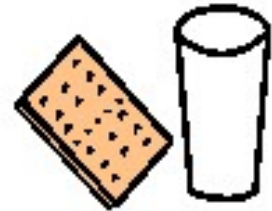
- We like sharing the learning we do at Beanstalk FNC with parents and carers. Invitations to events happen regularly and we always appreciate your feedback.



Health Promoting Nursery

Snack

- Snack is offered throughout the session, we encourage children's choice and independence.
- Healthy options including fruit and vegetables will be available everyday.
- Milk and water is on offer throughout the session. Water/Juice bottles are not permitted.
- Snack can be enjoyed both indoors and outdoors.



Lunch

- Children attending 9am-3pm at Beanstalk FNC will be offered lunch, there is no cost for this service. It will be a 2 course meal, menus will be displayed in nursery and on Seesaw.
- **Please advise if your child has specific dietary requirements or allergies.**

Tooth brushing

- As part of Curriculum for Excellence "Health and Wellbeing" we work with Childsmile to provide the children with the opportunity to brush their teeth daily while supervised in nursery.
- Childsmile is a national programme designed to improve the oral health of children in Scotland.



Nursery Fund

- Any money donated supports all the activities we offer in nursery e.g. baking, planting, science experiments, outings or visits from out with the nursery. It also helps replace broken/lost resources.
- The suggested donation is £2 per week. This is an entirely voluntary contribution.
- Nursery is always looking for donations such as tissues, wipes, clothes and wellies etc, please speak to staff member if you have anything else you are looking to donate.

Donations can be made in cash or by bank transfer:

Account Name: Beanstalk Nursery

Sort Code: 87-70-53

Account Number: 73709462

Please use your child's name as reference.



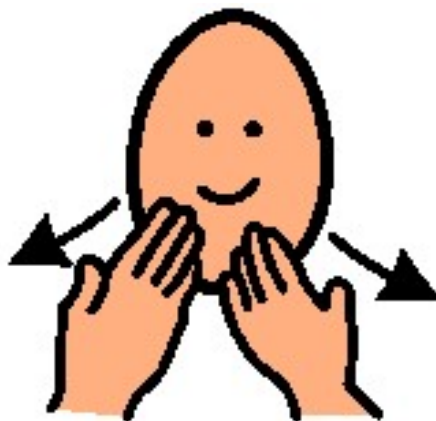
Celebrating Birthdays

We feel it is important to help children develop a sense of pride, confidence and positive image about themselves, so we believe that celebrating Birthdays are important.

We acknowledge children's birthdays and celebrate using non-food-based activities that make a child feel special. We celebrate as a group by singing "happy birthday" to the child during together time.

We use a birthday train so they can have the experience of blowing out candles which helps promote science understanding. Parents are advised to not bring anything into the nursery for the celebration.

We appreciate your
support with this.



Attendance

- If your child is unable to attend Nursery then please let us know as soon as possible by calling the office on:
- 01383 602458
- text 07860003661
- or email beanstalknur.enquiries@fife.gov.uk
- We are required to follow Fife Council procedure for all absences, e.g. if we have no explanation for them or if the absence is longer than a week.

Illness

- We will encourage the children to follow good hand hygiene throughout their nursery session.

If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea then they will not be fit to return to Nursery until 48 hours following their last bout.

Infection Control

- **Please see guidelines to infection control on the next few pages**
- The information contained in the booklet was issued by Public Health Scotland.

Should I keep my child off school or childcare?



Yes

Illness	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the advice on NHS inform if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Head lice	Threadworms
Glandular fever	Tonsillitis	Slapped cheek

Parents and carers can find further health advice on [nhsinform.scot](https://www.nhs.uk/inform)

Advice and guidance

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp

