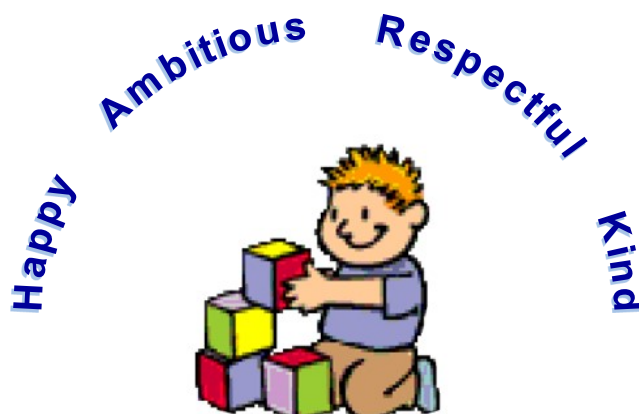


Starting Nursery



Welcome to Freuchie Nursery



Being well, Doing well, Treating others well

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Freuchie Nursery!

At Freuchie Nursery we warmly welcome our staff, pupils and parents into our community. We are guided by our vision of Being Well, Doing Well and Treating Others Well and our staff and pupils teach and learn with our values of, Resilient, Kind, Respect and Ambitious, at the core.

Working in partnership with you to foster positive relationships between home and school is of great importance to us. We believe that working together is our best route to helping your child to achieve their fullest potential. Parent helpers are most welcome to join us in enhancing our curriculum and learning experiences. Events throughout the year will give you an opportunity to visit the school and your child's learning environment.

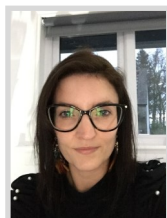
Engaging learning experiences , both indoors and in our local environment are tailored to the needs of our pupils and we work closely with our extended team to ensure that the needs of all our children are met.

This booklet contains some general information about our nursery. We welcome visitors warmly and can also answer any questions that you may have via telephone or email.

If you have any queries regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please contact the nursery so that we may work together for the benefit of your child. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Holly Kirkhope
Headteacher



General Information

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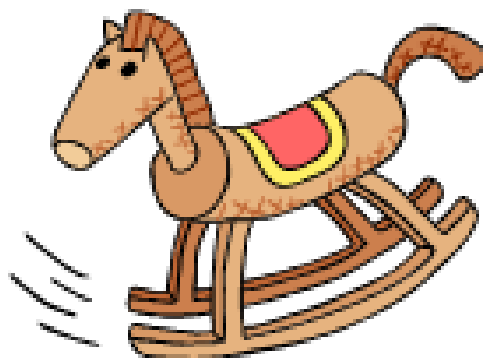
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Nursery Hours

The Scottish Government is committed to providing 1140 hours of funded pre-school education per year. This equates to 30 hours per week during school term times.

Freuchie Nursery are offering one nursery session type as follows:

9.00a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Sessions are fixed and your child may only use sessions within the allocated times.



Our Nursery Team



Mrs Jamieson
Early Years Officer
Full time



Mrs Laing
Early Years Officer
Mornings



Miss Giles
Early Years Officer
Afternoon



Miss Rolfe
Nursery Teacher
Peripatetic

Early Years Officers (EYOs) work in the nursery. There are 2 to 3 EYO's in at one time. Our ratios are 1 EYO to every 8 children. One of the EYO's will be your child's Keyworker, and will be your contact person and have responsibility for your child's Personal Learning Journey folder.

Our nursery teacher is with us for three days on alternate weeks. We may have more staff joining us throughout the year. From time to time we also support Apprentice Early Years Officers and students from local colleges.



Other people you might meet



Mr Timms is our janitor.
He helps fix things and sometimes helps us
to clean up.



Rachel is our dinner lady. She help us with
our lunches and makes sure we have lots of
healthy food to eat.

Miss McPhail is our Early Years Development Officer and Mrs Beattie is our Early Years Principal Teacher. They both visit us regularly throughout the year.

Mrs Esslemont is our Support for Learning Teacher.

Ms Young works in our school office.

Communication

Nursery frequently use See-Saw as our means of communication as well as sharing photos. When your child starts nursery you will be emailed an invitation to join the app.

We also send out a 'dates for your diary' each term which contains dates of events, outdoor learning etc for the term ahead.

Information from the school office is sent out mainly via email, and occasionally as text alerts or in letter form. A weekly newsletter is also emailed out every Friday.

Please inform the office if you get a new email address or mobile number.



Nursery staff are friendly and happy to take time to chat to Parents.

If you have any questions or feedback about our nursery provision, please speak to any member of the team.

The Curriculum

The Scottish Government is committed to providing high quality Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC). It aspires to increase the provision of ELCC to improve outcomes for children. All nurseries in Scotland use the Building the Ambition and Realising the Ambition documents to promote and develop excellent practice in nursery. They define three principal drivers of early development and learning:

- **Wellbeing**
- **Promoting curiosity, inquiry and creativity**
- **Communication**

We embrace the Curriculum for Excellence (CfE), which sits well alongside these principals.

Nursery and Primary 1 cover the Early stage of CfE.

The nursery team plan experiences and activities to support your child's development and learning in each of the core curricular areas:

- **Literacy**
- **Maths & Numeracy**
- **Health & Wellbeing**

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The Broad General Education will address aspects across all curricular areas: **Expressive Arts, Religious and Moral Education, Science, Social Subjects, and Technologies.**

We aim to provide children with a rich and stimulating environment where learning and playing go hand in hand. A varied selection of activities and resources will be provided in response to children's interests and needs, using both indoor and outdoor environments.

Learning Through Play

Toys and activities are not just for fun. Most toys and resources help to support children's development in different areas, so when children appear to be 'just playing', they are learning at the same time. Staff will interact with all the activities to encourage the planned learning outcome.



The staff continually observe and interact with the children and use the information gained to assess each child's development and plan next steps for all children.

Consideration will be taken to ensure that provision is made for children with additional support needs and disabilities.

What do I need for nursery?

It is really helpful if your child comes to nursery in **footwear** that they can put on and take off by themselves, preferably with non-slip soles.

Your child may get wet or dirty so we recommend **clothing** that you don't mind getting messy.

Wellies - These are needed for playing outside when the weather is wet.

A warm coat - The garden is open for play in all weathers. If your child has a **rainsuit/puddlesuit**, this would also be a useful thing to bring to nursery. The nursery can provide a waterproof suit if required.

A change of clothes - Just in case your child gets wet or dirty. (Your child will be given a drawstring bag so these clothes can be kept in nursery.)

A sun hat - For the rare days that we see the summer! Please also provide sun cream for your child.



Core Provision

Children will have the opportunity to play in the following areas:

- Sand and Water
- Painting, Gluing, Modelling
- Drawing and Writing
- Home corner and Dressing Up
- Small World, e.g. Farm, Doll's House, Train Set, Garage
- Building Blocks and small construction
- Jigsaws and Games
- Climbing frame
- Outdoor Area - free flow
- Music Corner for listening to and making music
- Information/Story Books and poems
- Woodwork
- Special Interest Tables
- Computer
- Baking and preparation of snack
- Learning Wall
- Gym, movement or ring games each week in the Church Hall
- Local walks, visiting the shop or park, going on outings.

During the session there will be opportunities for staff and children to gather together to listen to a story or rhyme, sing songs or take part in a group discussion.



Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Play

We have a secure outdoor area for outdoor play and activities. This area is open throughout the session and children may choose to go outside if they wish.



We use the outdoor area in all weathers so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing that you will not mind getting dirty or wet in inclement weather.

Forest Kindergarten (Outdoor Learning)

We take children for a Forest Kindergarten experience to local areas in the village such as the burn and the orchard. Dates of outdoor learning sessions will be communicated via Dates for your diary and also on See-Saw.



Personal Learning Journey

Every child has a folder containing their Personal Learning Journey (PLJ). Your child's named Keyworker is responsible for recording your child's achievements and photographic evidence.

Children and parents can look at and add to their folder at any time. These folders are kept in the nursery on a shelf accessible to the children and parents. PLJ's can also be taken home to share with wider family members at any time. Please ask your child's keyworker if you would like to do so.

Parent Chats are usually twice per year to discuss your child's progress.



There are some Star Moment/Family Time sheets which you can use to share special moments specific to your child and family.

The children are encouraged to look at and take ownership of their Personal Learning Journey.



Nursery Fund

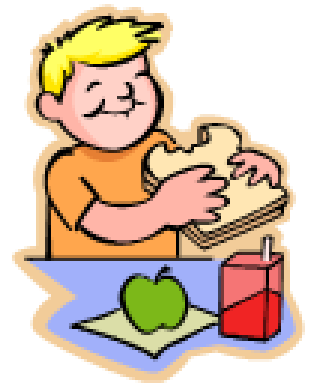
This is voluntary and paid weekly or termly. The suggested voluntary parent contribution is £1.50 per week. A note of the payment details will be sent out at the beginning of term.

We use the nursery fund to extend the resources in the nursery.

Snack

Children are offered snack every day. There is always milk or water to drink and fruit available. Other choices may include cereal, sandwiches, soup, popcorn, or vegetables and dip. We only have healthy choices.

We take ideas from the children on what they would like for snack.



Lunch

Nursery pupils are currently entitled to a free school lunch or you can provide your child with a packed lunch. There is more information about school lunches on Fife Council's website:

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/school-meals>

Please scroll to the bottom of the web page for a link to the current **nursery** lunch menu, along with the ingredients/allergen information. This web page also contains information for children who have a **specific dietary need** and a link to the Specific Dietary Request form, if this is required.

Useful items

If you can spare a box of tissues, baby wipes, nappy sacks or washing-up liquid the nursery team would be most grateful, however this is not compulsory.

Stay and Play Sessions

We have Stay and Play sessions where you can come and play with your child and see their learning environment. We also usually hold a songs and rhymes group as well as Bookbug sessions open to the community.

We do discourage children from bringing their own toys to nursery.

Toothbrushing

Childsmile is a national programme designed to improve the oral health of children in Scotland, and they provide us with toothbrushes and toothpaste for each child. We will send these home with you.



Safety

Your child's safety at nursery is of paramount importance. All children must be brought and collected by a responsible adult. Should this be someone other than your child's parents, please inform one of the nursery team. We cannot let your child go with someone we have not met without your authorisation.

Please make sure you close the school gates carefully when entering or leaving the school site.

Healthcare

Should your child require medication or suffer from a medical condition which might affect him/her in nursery, please notify us so that appropriate action can be taken.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be kept at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

If your child becomes unwell or injured and requires medical attention the following action will be taken:

1. Your child will be seen by a trained first aider.
2. We will contact you by telephone if appropriate. If we cannot get in contact with you we will try all emergency contacts.
3. We will contact your GP surgery and have your child taken there accompanied wherever possible by yourself or someone nominated by you.



Child Protection

The Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Kirkhope.

Finally, we want everyone to be happy in Nursery!



Please speak to a member of staff if you have a concern or worry about your child. We will do our best to help.

