



## January 2025 Newsletter

### Registration for early Years for session 2024- 2025



Registration for all **Early Years establishments is now currently open**. It will be open until the **31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**. If you know any children who will be three by the end of February 2026 then please encourage them to register.

Any parents who have requested a change of pattern will be informed by the end of February. Please note this will change in August 2025.

### Staffing

**Kirsty Kelly**, one of our afternoon staff will return from her **Maternity leave on the 29<sup>th</sup> January**. **Ashley Smith** in our 2-3 room will finish on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** for her Maternity leave. We are currently in the process of recruiting for Ashley's post and will let you know once someone has been appointed. We wish **Ashley all the very best** and hope she enjoys her time off.



### Rights Respecting Schools

As part of our **Improvement plan** we are continuing to develop the rights of the child throughout our **policies and practice**. We are now delighted to be progressing to our **Silver Award** and have our visit on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Our **UNCRC leads** have been working very hard to ensure the rights are incorporated into our planning in a child friendly way. Thanks to our parents/carers who recently took part in our consultation day.

### Seesaw

As you know we **use this app to share lots of pictures and videos** of your child participating in a wide range of learning experiences while at the centre. If you need a copy of the QR code and instructions to access this, please ask at the office for another copy.

Please note the **app and QR code cannot be shared with others or added onto any social media accounts** as permission is given only for parental/ guardian access.



### Exclusions for sickness

To ensure we continue to minimise **the risk of infection**, we have a **48 hour exclusion policy** for any child who has **diarrhoea or sickness**. The **48 hours** should be from the last period of

sickness/diarrhoea. This is to help minimise the spread of infection and ensure that the children and staff are well

### Parents Workshops

The NEST team will visit the centre again on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 11am - 12.15pm**. This supports **neurodiversity** and provides great tips and strategies to parents/carers to help with a **wide range of sensory needs**.

We have an **emotional wellbeing workshop** on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am & 1.30pm**. This will **explore and discuss some of the strategies and resources** we use with the children to help support them to understand their feelings. A brief introduction to the **PATHS program** and the **benefits of this** will also be shared.



### Keeping In touch

**Just a reminder** if your child is going to be **absent** from the centre for any reason can we kindly ask that you contact the **centre on that day as early as you can**. The campus telephone number is 01475 **687 687**. The centre is currently option 4.

If any child is **absent** and the centre has not been informed the **keyworker will contact** you at some point throughout the day.

### Information about Headlice

Within schools and early years centres **head lice can be easily spread** during head to head contact with young children. Head lice **can't be prevented** however **regular checking** ensures **early detection and treatment**. There are different treatments, which can be used and are available from the pharmacist. **The best detection method is wet combing**. Please see below for some information.

#### Tips /facts about head lice

- Head louse eggs take up to **10 days** to hatch
- Treatment is **only needed** when a thorough check **detects live lice**.
- Baby lice take **6-14 days to become fully-grown** it is after this that they will take the opportunity to **move head to head** during close contact.
- Insecticide lotions **should not be used preventatively** (this makes lice become resistant)
- Head lice **can't jump, fly or swim** - they pass through head to head contact moving swiftly along the hair.

More information about bug busting can be found at <https://www.chc.org>

### Holidays & Closures



Please note the centre will be closed to all children on the following dates:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Local Holiday**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Staff In Service day**

**Please see the full list of 2025 closures below.**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 25	Local Holiday
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 25	In - Service day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 25 (Inclusive)	Easter Weekend
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Local Holiday
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 25	In - Service day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 25	Local Holiday
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 25	In - Service day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 25	In - Service day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 25	Local Holiday
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 25	In - Service day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January (Inclusive)	Christmas Holidays