

Aileymill Nursery

Learning to Learn, Learning to Care

Nursery Handbook



2020-2021

Welcome to Aileymill Nursery



Welcome

Welcome to Aileymill Nursery. The nursery is part of Aileymill Primary School. This booklet will give you information about our nursery, our Visions and Values and introduce you to our staff team. We are excited to meet all our new children and their families and to welcoming you into the Aileymill Family.

Transitions

One of the first transitions a child makes is from home to nursery. When transitions work well they help children to develop confidence and acquire skills to manage changes in their lives. For some children transitions can be challenging and support from parents and nursery staff can help the transitions go more smoothly. We have had massive change and very uncertain times lately which can add to anxiety and uncertainty in our children. When preparing your child for nursery it would be helpful to talk with them about what is going to happen and encourage independence skills.

Our Vision and Values

Vision

At Aileymill we believe that all our children will be Learning to Learn, Learning to Care and that a drive for Excellence and equity will underpin all our actions.



Values

- Respect - UNCRC Articles 7 and 16
- Ambition - UNCRC Articles 4, 28, and 29
- Honesty - UNCRC Articles 12 and 13
- Caring - UNCRC 19, 23, and 29
- Responsibility - UNCRC 12 and 42
- Tolerance - Articles 13, 14 and 30

Aims

To create an environment where children, parents, staff, partner agencies and the wider community feel included, welcomed, nurtured and challenged to engage with their learning and development as Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors and Confident Individuals.

Meet Our Staff Team



Val Mackay

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Sophie McCormick

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Support Assistant



Amanda Jeffers

Support Assistant



Lorna Gorman

Clerical



Tracey Tearle
Graduate



Michael Young
Modern Apprentice



Gemma Leck
EYECO

Clothing

Sweatshirts and polo shirts, with the nursery logo embroidered on them can be purchased from Smiths in Greenock. Children often take part in messy activities, so it is wise not to dress them in their best clothes! We ask that the children have soft shoes to change into when at nursery for safety and comfort. All clothing should be marked with your child's name.



Cloakroom



This is the cloakroom. You will have a peg with a sticker with your name beside it. This is where you hang your coat. There is a little blue bag on your peg that you can keep spare clothes in if you wish. There is a little shelf for you to keep your wellies and shoes in.

Jewellery and Clothing

Parents should note that the activities the children may become involved in may be restricted because health and safety requirements state that jewellery of any kind must not be worn where children are undertaking physical activities.

There are forms of dress which are unacceptable in all establishments,

Such as those which;

- Potentially encourage faction (such as football colours)
- Could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans)
- May cause health and safety difficulties (such as loose fitting clothes, strings around the neck, made from flammable material for example shell suits)
- could cause damage to flooring (such as studs)
- Carry advertising particularly for alcohol or tobacco

General Information

Snack



At Aileymill Nursery we promote healthy living. Each day at nursery you will have the opportunity to have a healthy snack. There will always be a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables available. There is a choice of milk or water to drink.



Safety

In the interest of safety we ask that you inform us in advance if your child is to be collected by someone who is not known to the nursery staff. Please note that your child must be collected by a responsible adult i.e. 16 years of age or older.

Medical and health



It is important that staff members are informed of any medical condition which requires treatment, or any circumstances which would affect the child's well being or progress. Please let us know about any allergies your child may have.

Only prescribed medicines can be administered by staff to children. Please ask a member of staff for the appropriate form, which should be completed at time of medicine being passed to nursery staff. All prescribed medicines, which should have the dispensing label with the child's name and instructions, will be kept in the medical cupboard.

Medicines should not be in the child's possession or placed with the child's belongings at any time.

If your child becomes ill while at nursery a member of staff will firstly try to contact you at home, if unsuccessful we will try one of the emergency numbers on your enrolment form.

Wellbeing

Nurturing Nursery

We work hard to ensure all our children and adults are safe and happy at nursery.

Each day, at group time we use a feeling chart to help the children talk about how they feel and work towards a happy environment.

We have a termly nurture target for looking after our nursery and each other that all children and staff work towards. Every Monday one child from each group is awarded our weekly 'Star of the Week' badge for positive behaviour and or positive actions. This badge is worn to display how proud we are of the child's achievements.



Children's learning

Young children learn in a variety of ways. We provide opportunities for children to explore, observe, listen and talk, respond, think and experiment. Play is an important way of developing these activities. Play is the way in which young children make sense of the world. It allows them to express ideas and feelings in many different ways, to act out and come to terms with their previous experiences, and to experiment with new ideas without fear of failure.

We encourage the children to plan their own learning, offering resources, space and time for them to do this. There is an ethos of praise and pride in achievements.



Helpful Hints

You will help ease any worries by explaining to your child what is going to happen when starting nursery.

Explain the routine of the morning and of nursery.

Go for a walk past the nursery and talk about it.

Meeting new people will be part of starting nursery.

You can make new friends by:

Smiling

Telling them your name

Asking their name

Tell them what you like to play

Ask if they want to play with you

There will always be a adult who can help you if you need help.

Talk about what they should do if they get sad or worried.

Give them a strategy so they know what to do.

There is a fantastic resource provided by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde that gives you lots of ideas for different skills children will need when starting nursery and activities you can do to support this.

You can access this at

<https://tinyurl.com/y8fyl856>

Or scan the code



Photo Gallery Our Nursery



Covid 19 Recovery Procedures

Due to recent events in the world in relation to Covid 19, all areas of the nursery will be cleaned before and after each nursery session. The cloakroom will be cleaned after all sessions and all pegs will be washed down. Social distancing will be adhered to at all times. If children require to be changed or there is a first aid situation during their nursery session staff will wear PPE to undertake this.