



Beith Early Years Class

August 2020

I hope everyone had a great summer holiday and made the most of it despite the weather. We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Wednesday 12th August (in-service day on Monday and Tuesday).

Based on advice and guidelines from the Scottish Government and North Ayrshire Council, the following plan has been created to ensure our children return to a welcoming and safe environment.

Mrs Quinn assumes her post as Nursery Manager from August 10th. This means that all correspondence and queries should be directed to her from now on.

Returning to EYC in August 2020

Sessions

North Ayrshire Council are **no** longer offering 1140 hours at Beith EYC. This means that we are now offering four sessions to provide 600 hours.

1. Mornings only 8.45am-12.15pm
2. Afternoons only 1.00pm-4.30pm
3. Option 1 two and a half day model; **Monday ,Tuesday** 8.30am – 3.00pm & **Wednesday** 8.45am –12.15pm
4. Option 2 two and a half day model; **Wednesday** 1pm – 4.30pm **Thursday & Friday** all day 8.30am – 3.00pm

Mrs Quinn is contacting all parents of **existing** EYC by phone to ask which session you would prefer and we will allocate spaces this week. We will contact parents of children due to start this session in the coming weeks. Please note that children will commence their EYC placement the term **after** your child turns three. (E.g. your child turns 3 in November 2020, he/she will start EYC in January 2021)

Wrap Around Care

We do not yet know if we will be able to offer early drop-offs and later pick-ups. We will keep you informed about this as soon as we have more information from North Ayrshire Council.



Uniform

As uniform helps to create a sense of community and equity, we would still encourage pupils to attend wearing in an EYC sweatshirt (these can be purchased from the Early Years staff). We are not asking anyone to buy additional items at this point so please don't worry about this. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather as the children will be outdoors every day.

Morning / Afternoon Drop-off Procedure

When dropping off your child please use the door at the side of the building with the green fence around it. At this time parents won't be able to come into the building unless by appointment. Your child's key worker will be on hand to give your child support if they require it when entering the building. At home time your child will be handed to you by their Key Worker at this area. Key workers will also pass on any information at this time. Please remember to keep social distanced at this time.

This procedure is a little different but we are trying our best to keep everyone safe.

Snack, Lunchtime and Resources

Regular handwashing will be carried out throughout your child's session (children and staff). Although there is no need for children to physically distance, we will ensure that no more than 30 children are in the playroom at any one time. Wherever possible staff will ensure that children do not share equipment, stationery or other resources across groups. Outdoor clothing ideally should be provided from home or if supplied by us it will be washed before another child wears it.

There will be a rota in place to implement frequent cleaning of hard surfaces. Hand sanitiser to be available in playrooms but only to be used if children are unable to easily access soap and warm water for hand washing. We would ask that children do not bring books, toys etc. from home. We ask that you provide a change of clothes for your child – accidents happen. This will be stored on your child's peg in their own drawstring bag, provided by us. Any wet or dirty clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag.

We provide a healthy snack. Each group of children will be allocated their own snack time. All children within the group will eat together. Children will be reminded that during snack time that they must remain within their own group.

Lunches will be provided and will be eaten within the playroom. If your child has a dietary requirement please let us know and we will ensure that their needs are met. Like snack time children will eat lunch in their group.



If your child becomes unwell at Nursery

If your child becomes unwell then you will be contacted and asked to put arrangements in place to collect your child. Your child will be taken to a ventilated isolation room until he/she can be collected. Please be reassured that we will ensure they are looked after until they are able to be collected. We will be following the FACTS guidance from NHS Scotland (Face coverings, Avoid crowded places, Clean hands regularly, Two metre distance, Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms).

If your child displays symptoms at home then please do not send them to EYC.

Visitors to School

Only organised visitors such as delivery drivers and specialist teachers will be permitted entry to the school. If you require to speak to someone then please call the school office or send us an email. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Communication

The methods we would like parents/carers to use when contacting the school are by email, and phone. All letters will be sent out electronically so please make sure you have shared your most up to date email address with us. Letters will also be uploaded on to the school website, Twitter and we will continue to use Learning Journals for the EYC.

Staff are excited to welcome the children back and can't wait to get started. Thank you to all for your continued support in these unprecedented times and we look forward to working with you to promote a safe and nurturing environment for our children.

Stay safe and take care.

Miss A McDonnell & Mrs L Quinn
Depute Headteacher & Nursery Manager