

St John Bosco Early Learning and Childcare Class Induction Session 2025/2026



Welcome to our nursery!

We are so excited to welcome you to our nursery to grow and learn together!



Who are we?



Lynsey Gardyne
Head Teacher



Kerry Campbell
Depute Head ELC
Class



Cairis Manson
Depute Head ELC
Class

In the nursery we use first names for all staff. Any staff from the school are referred to as Miss/Mrs/Mr.



Elaine McConville
Senior Early Learning
and Childcare Officer



Louise Watters
Senior Clerical
Officer

What does our day look like at nursery?

- ❖ Children will have their own peg with their name, photo and group where they can hang their own jacket and bag.
- ❖ Each child will have a base room where they start in the morning/afternoon – they are greeted by staff, self register and place their picture on the train.
- ❖ Children have free flow access to toilets to further develop their independence or are supported at changing time by a member of staff.
- ❖ All children are offered a snack during the day which always consists of milk, fruit and water as well as toast.
- ❖ Free play followed by toothbrushing, together time and meal times.

Curriculum for Excellence



- ❖ Curriculum for Excellence is Scotland's national curriculum for all children aged 3 -18 years old. It aims to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they will need if they are to flourish in life, learning and work, now and in the future.
- ❖ The curriculum covers eight key areas including:
 - literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing, social studies, sciences, technology, religious and moral education and expressive arts.

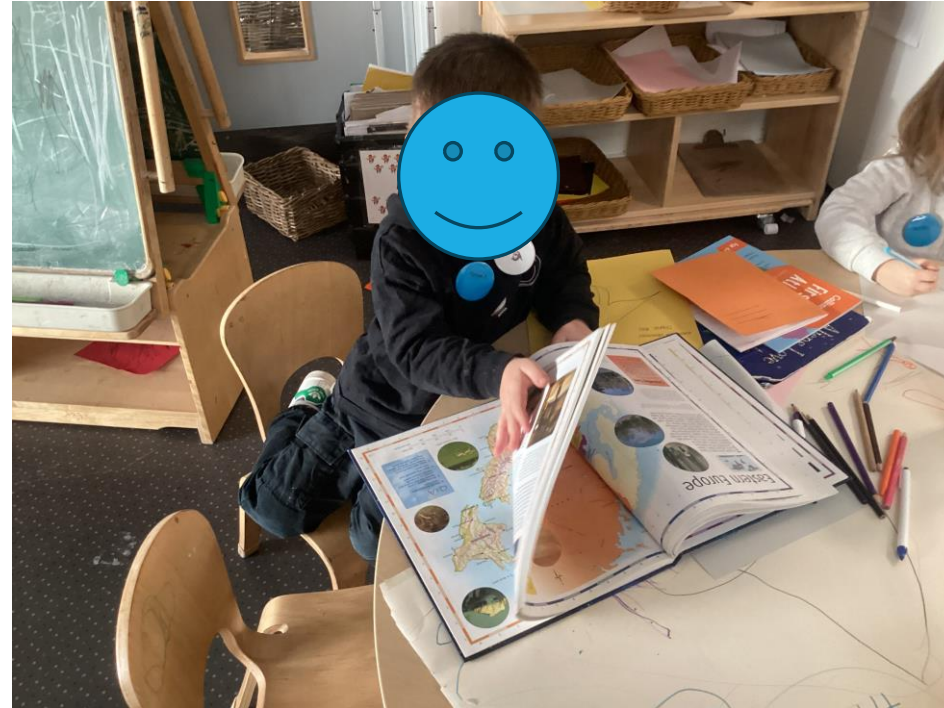
Play is the way!

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- ❖ We know that children's learning and development is best supported through high quality play experiences.
- ❖ Children and staff use floor books to plan and document their learning in our four learning zones.
- ❖ All children have their own scrapbook which documents their individual learning journey during their time at nursery.
- ❖ All staff meet regularly and track children's learning to identify areas of challenge or support required.

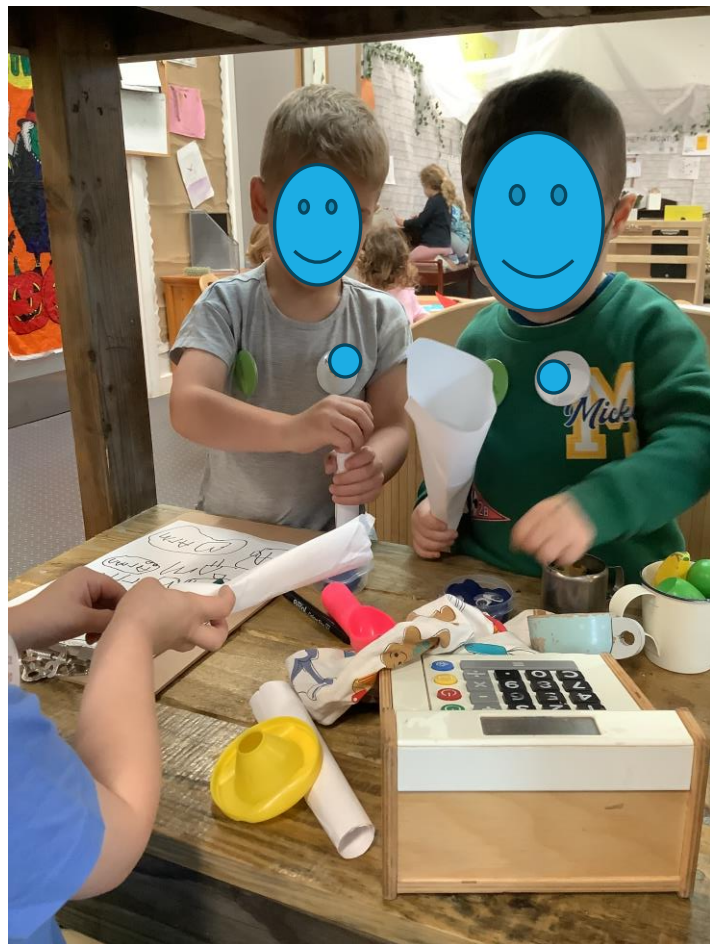
Story Corner

In our story corner children have opportunities to make sing songs and rhymes and mark make.



Role Play

In our social zone children have opportunities to make playdough and role play.



Block Play

In our discovery zone children have opportunities to explore block play, small world and transient art.



Sand, Water & Creative

In our creative zone children have opportunities to be creative, paint, make junk models, get messy and play with sand/water.



Outdoor Zone

In our outdoor zone children have the opportunity to climb, explore the mud kitchen, ride bikes/scooters, plant and grow and explore the weather.



Snack/Baking Zone



Forest Kindergarten

- All children in the year before they attend school will participate in the Forest Kindergarten programme.
- Children will visit 'the forest' for a full day each week over a 6 week block.
- Children will be given the opportunity to participate in a wide range of experiences such as tree climbing, using a hammock, creating a shelter and using fire.



Lunchtime

- ❖ Mealtimes at nursery are an amazing learning opportunity and social experience for children.
- ❖ All children are supported to be independent at lunch time by serving their lunch and pouring their own water.
- ❖ We have two sittings for lunch: 12pm, 1pm. Children have lunch in our atrium with our four support workers and staff members.
- ❖ Healthy living nursery – please see information in welcome pack regarding recommendations of packed lunch contents.



Clothing

- ❖ At nursery we like to get messy. Every day there will be a wide variety of messy experiences on offer such as water, sand, paint, shaving foam and our mud kitchen. Please ensure your child is wearing old clothes or clothes you do not mind getting dirty.
- ❖ Children are provided with waterproof clothing to access outdoors however, it is helpful for them to have their own wellies.
- ❖ Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ❖ Nursery uniforms can be purchased from School Wear Made Easy if you wish however, there is no requirement for this.

Health and Wellbeing

- ❖ If your child has an accident in the ELC Class you will be given an accident form to sign and a copy of this will be provided to you for your information. If your child sustains a bump to the head whilst in the ELC Class you will receive a text message or phone call to inform you of this.
- ❖ If you are concerned about your child's development or your child has additional support needs, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team regarding this. We are an inclusive nursery who support all children.
- ❖ Medication – please see information contained within the welcome pack regarding medication and please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team regarding this.
- ❖ Illness – Please see information in your child's welcome pack regarding this. Please note if your child has sickness and diarrhoea they must not attend the ELC Class for 48 hours from their last episode. If your child is unwell e.g. has a temperature they should not come to nursery as we cannot effectively monitor/manage your child's temperature. We would also respectfully suggest that if your child requires Calpol then they may be too unwell to attend.

Parent/Carer Involvement

- ❖ We look forward to building a relationship with you as we work in partnership to support your child's learning journey.
- ❖ Your child will be allocated a key worker who will be your main point of contact, however, we operate an open door policy so please feel free to discuss any concerns, worries or comments with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- ❖ There will be many opportunities to be involved in your child's nursery experience including stay and play, parent/carers meetings, Bookbug sessions and parent/carers committee – Parent/Carers Calendar of events.
- ❖ The best way to keep up to date with information is to join our ELC Class app – details are in your induction pack. We also publish a monthly newsletter on the app with all the fun things we have been doing in nursery!
- ❖ Snack Fund - £2.50 paid through Parent Pay



Settling In Procedure

Term Time Placements:

Day 1 – 1 hour

Day 2 – 2 hours

Day 3 – 3 hours

Day 4 – Staying for Lunch

Day 5 – Full session

Morning/Afternoon Placements:

Day 1 – 1 hour

Day 2 – 2 hours

Day 3 – 3 hours

Day 4 - Staying for Lunch

Day 5 – Full session

Beginning/End of the Week Block Placements:

Week 1 –

Day 1 - 1 hour

Day 2 – 2 hours

Day 3 - Staying for Lunch

Week 2 -

Day 1 - Staying for Lunch

Day 2 – Full Session

Day 3 – Full Session

Questions?

