

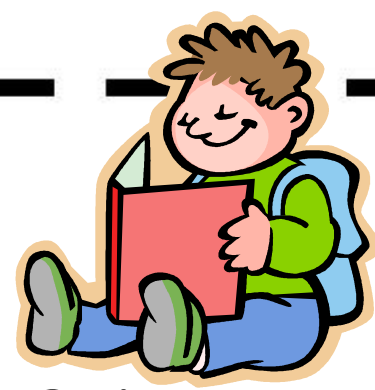


Welcome to Alloway Early Years Centre





Early Years Centre Aims



In Alloway EYC we aim to provide a service of the highest quality for you and your child by:

- Providing a safe, welcoming environment in which your child will feel happy, secure and valued.
- Providing a stimulating learning environment meeting the developmental needs and interests of your child.
- Offering a range of learning experiences and activities to foster the emotional, social, physical, creative and intellectual development of your child.
- Nurturing, challenging and supporting your child in all aspects of his/her development.

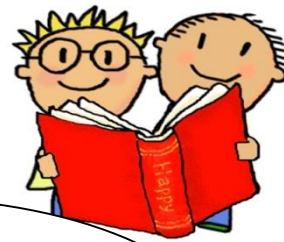


Child Friendly Aims



I feel safe.

The staff look after me and help me.



I can take part in interesting activities that will help me learn.



The playroom has lots of interesting areas for me to play in.





Early Years Centre session



Full days
9am-3pm

In order to help families with school drop off and pick up the EYC doors will open from 9-9.15am and 2.45-3pm.

In order to keep our footfall down at the EYC door we would ask that one person comes into EYC to drop off/pick up.





Routines

- Doors open at **9-9.15am**
- To accommodate school pick up we will open our doors from **2.45-3pm** to facilitate pick up.
- Please come to the main EYC door where a staff member will always be present when the door is open.
- If you come outwith door opening hours please ring the buzzer.
- Please phone any absences into school office.





Early Years Centre Groups



- This session we are returning to one playroom.
- There will be 7 groups with up to 8 children in each group. The groups will be a mix of 3 and 4 year olds.
- Each group has a key worker(s).
- Children will register in their key worker group and have some group time with their key worker but spend the majority of their time in free play.





Early Years staff –next session



Head Teacher – Mrs Fiona Meney

Depute Head Teacher – Mrs Lauren Miller

Early Years Teacher - Mrs Kirsty Gilmour 0.6 (M-W)

Senior Early Years Practitioner – Miss Hannah Downie

Early Years Practitioners:

Mrs Julie Lorimer

Mrs Anne Ahmed

Mrs Evelyn Easton

Mrs Libby Pollock

Mrs Haley Fraser

Mr Ryan McGill

Miss Kayleigh Adgie (M-W)/ Mrs Lynda Gibson (Th-F)





Early Years Centre routine



- Sign in by adult and child at group table
- Weekly snack donation £1.50
- Child posts snack card
- Free play
- Together time
- Free play/activities
- Group time
- Home time - children collected from group table and signed out





Early Years Centre Lunch



- Children are provided with a free school hot lunch.
- They are encouraged to sit together and staff model good table manners.
- Children are encouraged to try new foods.
- The lunch menu is shared with parents in advance.
- Parent's can provide a small healthy packed lunch if they think their child will not eat the school lunch. This should be placed in a disposable bag and named.
- Please do not send in a packed lunch box/bag.





Early Years Centre areas



- Playroom and Quiet room – free play with natural and real life resources and toys
- Outdoor space – physical play, curiosity, problem solving, literacy and numeracy
- School facilities – gym hall, ICT Suite and public library
- Outdoor learning in School Eco-Garden and local area.





Play based learning

Play is one of the most important ways in which young children gain essential knowledge and understanding.

Play helps children develop many skills, including:

- Self-confidence and self-regulation
- Creativity
- Problem-solving skills
- Communication and social skills
- A love of learning
- Flexible thinking



Engaging in purposeful play experiences enhances children's mastery of academic concepts and builds interest and motivation to learn.





Each child is an individual

- Strong relationship with key worker
- Personal profile – new online profiles
- Tracking progress by staff
- Open door policy for good communication with parents
- Informal opportunities to discuss progress
- 2 Formal parents meetings
- 3 Termly written care plan meetings with staff
- Written annual report for pre-schoolers





Parental communication



- Seesaw
- Twitter @Alloway EYC
- Monthly newsletters
- Termly flyers
- Parental surveys and questionnaires
- Communication board in welcome corridor





Seesaw

- We use Seesaw as a communication app to share information and photos about your child with you.
- Seesaw contracts will be issued and we ask parents' to stick to this.
- This year we will be piloting Seesaw online profiles with parents. This will give you regular updates about your child and their progress.





Some parental engagement activities that we have run in the past and hope to do again

- Coffee and Chat
- Stay and Play sessions
- Parental workshops
- Concerts
- Parent helpers
- Outings
- PEEP/Bookbug groups





Previous Community Links



- Public library – Read and Munch
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Village walks
- Belleisle / Rozelle visits
- Beach Visits
- Community coffee and chat in church halls





Parent helpers



- Children benefit from the help parents can give in nursery
- Parents help in a variety of ways
- Parent helper rota in nursery
- Parent helpers for outdoor learning
- We ask our parents to be confidential about what they see and hear in nursery





Outdoor Learning

- Children benefit from learning outdoors
- Outdoor learning opportunities every day in nursery
- Outdoor learning in school grounds
- Outdoor learning visits planned to local area
- Wear appropriate clothing – warm clothes, waterproofs, wellies, hats, suncream etc.
- We will cancel on the day if we feel the weather is inclement and dangerous.





Curriculum for Excellence



- Early Level
- Curricular areas – Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, Science, Expressive Arts, Technologies, Social Subjects and Religious and Moral Education
- Breadth and depth of experience of Early level outcomes





Realising the Ambition



- Realising the Ambition is a national practice guidance document designed to guide and support all those who work with babies and children in the early learning and childcare sector and beyond into the early years of primary school in Scotland.

What I need to grow and develop?

Experiences

Interactions

Spaces





More information

Parentzone

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone

Be at the heart of your child's learning.





What do I bring?



- There is no nursery uniform, children wear their own play clothes.
- Gym shoes should be hung in a small gym bag/backpack and kept in nursery.
- Parents can leave a change of clothes in a bag on their nursery peg.
- Please always supply outdoor clothes that are weather appropriate as we are out every day.
- **NAMES ON EVERYTHING PLEASE!**





Early Years Centre Golden Rules



You try hard

You are kind and helpful

You are honest



You are gentle

You listen well

You look after things





WELCOME



We are looking forward to
welcoming your child
and family into
Alloway EYC!

