

Alloway Early Years Centre

Information for Parents and Carers



Session 2024-2025

**Article 12 of UNICEF Charter: Respect
for the views of the child**

Our Vision

To provide a safe, happy, purposeful and nurturing learning environment, where children, staff, parents and visitors feel valued and respected. Everyone in our school is supported to reach their full potential by working together to promote kindness, inclusion and resilience.



CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

In the event of your child being absent, please contact the main office on 01292-612490, before 9.15 am. All absences, must be phoned into the school office. The office staff will inform the EYC. **It is important that the school has current information regarding your child's address, telephone number and emergency contact.** All forms issued by the school should be completed and returned promptly.

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

We communicate in a variety of ways—

- Learning Journals
- GroupCall Expressions App
- Twitter @Alloway EYC
- Termly newsletters
- Parental surveys and questionnaires
- Communication board in welcome corridor

Please also see our school website for further information, and for the full Early Years Centre Handbook— [ALLOWAY EARLY YEARS CENTRE - Alloway Primary School and Early Years Centre \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

We hope this information is of some help in preparation for starting the EYC. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to welcoming you in August.

Alloway Early Years Centre

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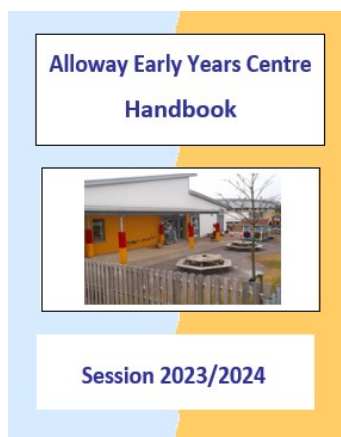
Our current Management Team will be happy to help you with any matter—

Mrs Fiona Meney	Head Teacher
Mrs Lauren Miller	Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs Lisa Stewart	Principal Teacher (Mon -Thurs)
Mrs Emma Park	Principal Teacher (Tues -Fri)
Miss Nicola Rainey	Principal Teacher

Clerical staff are often the first people you will speak to when phoning the school. They are as follows—

Mrs Jacqueline Renshaw	Monday- Friday
Mrs Jan Paul	Monday- Friday
Mrs Claire McHugh	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Please see our handbook for the full staff list.



Our Values

At Alloway Primary and Early Years Centre we are—



KIND



INCLUSIVE



RESPECTFUL

SAFE



WELCOME

Welcome to Alloway Early Years Centre. We aim to provide a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment in which your child will feel happy, secure and valued. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year and to supporting your child to reach his/her full potential. We provide a range of activities to encourage close links between home and school, and we hope you will come along to these and get to know us better.

The Early Years Centre reopens on Tuesday 20th August at 9.00am with full day provision.

There will be an opportunity to meet with the EYC staff at the start of the new term during a Stay and Play session, during which, parents are invited to come along to the EYC and play alongside their children. This will give you an insight into the engaging experiences we offer.



NURTURE

Nurture refers to the care and attention that children are given while they are growing and developing. It helps to give children emotional resilience and develop their social and emotional skills.

We pride ourselves on our nurture approaches within Alloway EYC. Staff within the EYC know their children very well, and provide tailored, high-quality support to meet the needs of the children.

We have a sensory area which children are free to access and explore, and this also gives the children the opportunity to rest and relax.

In session 2024-2025, we will be continuing to develop our Nurture-based approaches, and look forward to engaging parents in this process.



EARLY YEARS CENTRE AREAS

Children freely explore the EYC and the outdoor area throughout the day at Alloway EYC. Here are some of the areas within the centre—

- Playroom—free play with natural and real-life resources and toys.
- Nurture Room—a range of sensory resources. Provides opportunity for exploration, rest and relaxation.
- STEM Area—a range of resources to promote imaginative play, creativity, problem-solving and curiosity.
- Outdoor Space—encourages physical play, curiosity, problem solving, and the development of literacy and numeracy skills.
- Other facilities include—
 - ◊ The school Eco-garden, gym hall, ICT suite, public library, outdoor classroom, and playing field.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Learning outdoors is about engaging children in many different ways. Practitioners act as facilitators, using multi-sensory and experiential approaches. This encourages children to become involved in emotional, physical, aesthetic, spiritual and cognitive experiences as part of their learning.

At Alloway EYC, children are able to access the outdoors as they please, to engage in a range of high-quality learning experiences. For this reason, it is essential that they have appropriate outdoor clothing at all times (i.e. puddle suit, wellies, sunhat etc.). This supports the development of physical, social and emotional skills. Our EYC is situated within a beautiful area and children regularly visit outdoor areas within the local community, including Rozelle, Robert Burns Museum and the local play park.



FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest Kindergarten is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk-taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands on experiences in a natural setting.

Our senior EYP has undertaken Forest Kindergarten training and delivers this on a weekly basis with all children. Children have the opportunities to explore the natural environment and engage in learning experiences that arise from this. They are supported by staff to extend their learning and are encouraged to participate in risky play, to develop problem solving and cognitive thinking. The focus of this is to learn through play.



COMING TO THE EYC

In order to help families with school drop off and pick up, the **EYC doors will open from 9-9.10am and 2.45-3pm.**

Please come to the main EYC door where a staff member will always be present when the door is open. Parents/carers are invited into the EYC with their child, where they must sign their child in before leaving.

If you come out with door opening hours please ring the buzzer.

We are sure you agree that pupil safety should take precedence over personal convenience. If parking around the EYC, please ensure you do not obstruct the school entrances or restrict the crossing patrol officer's view of Doonholm Road or the Loaning. Please park away from the school gates and **do not** park in the car park or bus lane.



CLOTHING

There is no nursery uniform, children wear their own play clothes.

Parents should leave a change of clothes in a bag on their nursery peg.

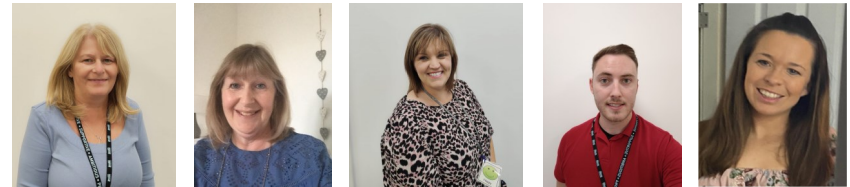
Please supply outdoor clothes (e.g. puddle suit, wellies, sun hat etc.) that can be kept in the EYC. Children have the opportunity to access the outdoors everyday, regardless of the weather.

Please remember to put your child's name on all clothes, shoes, bags etc.

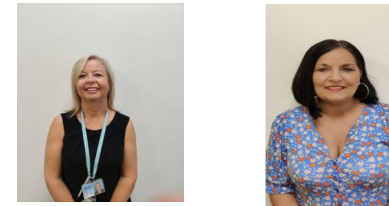


PEOPLE YOU AND YOUR CHILD WILL MEET

The people your child will have most contact with is of course the **Early Years Practitioners**.



EYPs



Mrs Meney -
Head Teacher



Mrs Miller– Depute
Head Teacher



Miss McCallum
– Senior EYP

The **Child Protection Coordinator** for the school and EYC is **Mrs Fiona Meney (Head Teacher)**. She will coordinate the response to concerns for children and young people's safety and wellbeing. **Mrs Lauren Miller (Depute Head Teacher)** will coordinate the response to any concerns raised, in the absence of Mrs Meney.

SNACK AND LUNCH

Children are provided with a morning and afternoon snack, and a free school hot lunch. It is essential that you inform us of any specific dietary requirements.

Staff have worked hard to develop a homely environment in which children and staff sit together in the lunchroom for lunch. Staff model good table manners and children are encouraged to try new foods. We aim to make this an enjoyable and nurturing experience for our children.

The lunch menu is shared with parents in advance. Parents 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.

As some children are allergic to nuts. Please ensure that children do not bring nuts to school.



PARENTAL & COMMUNITY LINKS

We pride ourselves on our good relationships with our families, and our links with the community. We enjoy working in partnership in a number of ways.

We regularly invite parents into the EYC for a variety of events and activities—

- Stay and Play sessions (including evening sessions)
- Parent workshops
- EYC Concerts
- Parent helpers
- PEEP sessions



We work closely with our local community. We have strong links with—

- Public Library
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Rozelle
- Belleisle
- Alloway Parish Church

