

Welcome to Alloway Early Years Centre



Our School 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.

Our School Values

KIND



INCLUSIVE



RESPECTFUL

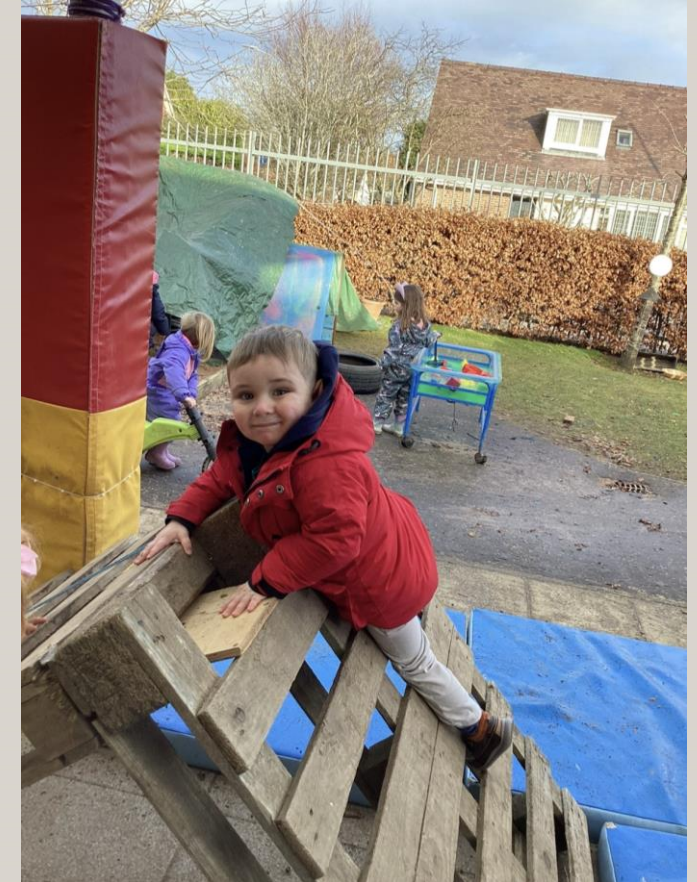


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Early Years Centre Aims

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.**



We have fun!



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 9-9.10am and 2.45-3pm.



Early Years Centre Groups



There will be 8 groups with up to 8 children in each group. The groups will be a mix of ages.

Each group has a key worker(s). Parents must sign their child in and out at their group table in the lunch area.

Once signed in, children will be encouraged to free play, enjoying a range of experiences set up in preparation for the children arriving.

Routines

Doors open at **9-9.10am**

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 out with door opening hours please ring the buzzer.

Please phone any absences into school office.

Early Years Staff – next session

Head Teacher – Mrs Fiona Meney

Depute Head Teacher – Mrs Lauren Miller

Senior Early Years Practitioner – Miss Kirsty McCallum

Early Years Practitioners:

- Mrs Julie Lorimer
- Mrs Anne Ahmed
- Mrs Evelyn Easton
- Mr Ryan McGill
- Mrs Libby Pollock (4 days)
- Mrs Haley Fraser (4 days)
- Miss Caoilin Gibson
- Miss Kayleigh Adgie (3 days)
- Mrs Haley Hughes (3 days)

Mrs Fiona
Meney
(HT)



Mrs Lauren
Miller
(DHT)



Miss Kirsty
McCallum
(SEYP)



Early Years Centre – children's routine

- Sign in by adult and child at group area in lunch room.
- Health and Wellbeing Check-In is encouraged to allow children to indicate how they are feeling. Staff follow up on this throughout the day.
- Free play - Staff plan rich and responsive learning experiences which children can choose to visit.
- Group times happen throughout the week.
- Home time - children signed out and collected from group area in playroom.



What Do I Bring?

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 that can be kept in the EYC. Children have the opportunity to access the outdoors everyday, regardless of the weather.

NAMES ON EVERYTHING PLEASE!



Early Years Centre Lunch

- Children are provided with a free school hot lunch.
- Staff have worked hard to develop a homely environment in which children and staff sit together for lunchtime.
- 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 – free play with natural and real life resources and toys.
- Nurture Room – a range of sensory resources. Provides opportunity for rest and relaxation.
- Outdoor space – encourages physical play, curiosity, problem solving, literacy and numeracy.
- School facilities – gym hall, ICT Suite, outdoor classroom, school playing field and public library.
- Outdoor learning in School Eco-Garden and local area.



Play Pedagogy



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

Key worker develops a strong relationship with parent and child.

Personal profile – Learning Journals.

Staff track individual progress.

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

Learning Journals

Twitter @Alloway EYC

GroupCall Xpressions App

Termly newsletters

Weekly flyers

Parental surveys and
questionnaires

Communication board in
welcome corridor



Learning Journals

We use Learning Journals as a communication app and to share information and photos about your child with you.

Learning Journals contracts will be issued and we ask parents' to stick to this.

This year we will continue using Learning Journals online profiles with parents. This will give you regular updates about your child and their progress.



Parental Engagement Activities



Coffee and Chat
Stay and Play sessions (including evening sessions)

Church Stay and Play sessions

Parental workshops

Concerts

Parent helpers

Outings

PEEP/Bookbug groups

Community Links

Public library

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 nursery.

Parents help in a variety of ways.

- Parent helper rota in nursery.
- Parent helpers for outdoor learning and trips.

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.

Forest Schools

Appropriate clothing to be sent in and left in the EYC at all times – puddle suit, wellies, hat, scarf, gloves, sunhat 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.

South Ayrshire Developmental Milestones are tracked for pre-school children.



Realising the Ambition

Realising the Ambition is a national practice guidance document.

It is 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?

Interactions



Experiences



Spaces

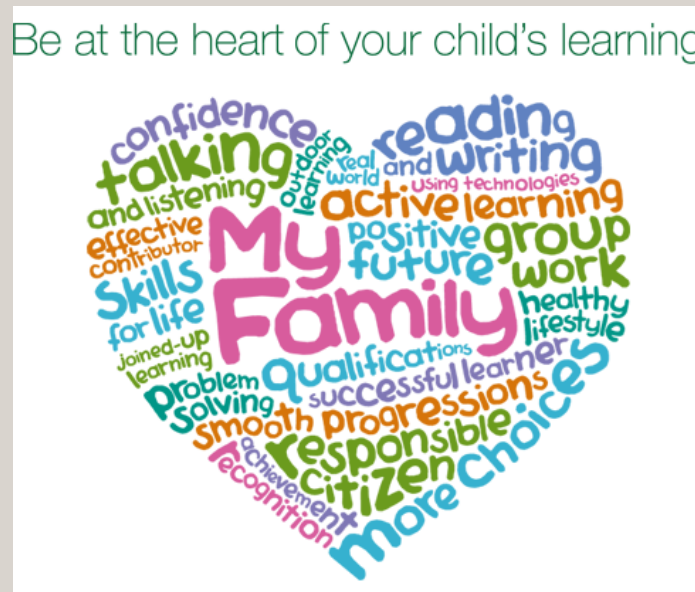


More Information

Parentzone

[Parentzone Scotland | Parent Zone \(education.gov.scot\)](http://parentzone.scotland.nhs.uk)

Be at the heart of your child's learning.





A reminder –

**EYC children starting the nursery in August 2024 are invited for visits.
Information has been sent out.**

Parents must remain with their child for these visits.

Children will be issued with an *All About Me* Booklet during these visits. We ask that you complete this with your child ready to return when they start.

The EYC reopens on Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 9.00am with full day provision.

Children starting the EYC throughout the year will be invited for a visit a week prior to their 3rd birthday. They will then receive their start date which will be the Monday after their 3rd birthday.

**Please take time to fill in the following survey.
This will help us get to know your child more.**

Welcome to Alloway Primary and
Early Years Centre Getting to Know
You Alloway EYC 2024





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