



# Kingcase

## Early Years Centre



PARENT ENGAGEMENT  
2025 - 2026





## PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At Kingcase Early Years Centre, we provide a nurturing and caring environment for your child to grow, learn and develop. We understand the importance of working together with families to ensure that all children have a strong foundation on which to build in later years.

Our Parent Engagement Calendar aims to include all families. Parent opportunities are spread over the week, with morning and afternoon options. If parents are unable to attend we welcome grandparents, carers and other family members. We are also delighted to be able to offer evening sessions to accommodate working parents who are unable to attend during nursery hours.

Every child will have Personal Plan meetings throughout the session where you will meet with your child's key worker. All other events are optional. Please pick and choose what suits your child and your family.

More details of each event are listed in this booklet.



## ENGAGEMENT OF THE FAMILY Taken from Realising the Ambition, (2020)

### Leading through learning together with families

Parents and carers know and understand their child best. As the child's first educators, parents and carers are key partners in supporting their child's learning. As pedagogical leaders, it is essential that we develop positive relationships with parents and carers and work closely alongside them and value their contribution. Understanding the complexities, diversities and cultural differences of individual families and how this can impact each child is essential. The conversations we have with each family form the foundations of our relationships with them. During these conversations it is essential that we respect, understand and empathise to ensure our relationships are built on trust.





## PERSONAL PLAN MEETINGS

Once a term, your child's Key Worker will arrange an appointment with you to complete your child's Personal Plan. This meeting should last between five and ten minutes and is an ideal opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and development.

Your child's Key Worker will ask you to consider what targets you would like your child to work towards over the coming weeks. These targets can be developmental, such as dressing themselves or settling in to the EYC in the morning, or they can be learning-based, such as being able to write their own name, or be able to count to 10. Your child's Key Worker will have some suggestions and, after discussion, these are agreed upon and written into the Personal Plan.

The Personal Plan will also ask for information such as changes to the home environment (house move, new baby etc.).

During Personal Plan meetings, previous targets will be evaluated and new targets set.



## PEEP WORKSHOPS

PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership) supports parents and carers with children aged birth to five in encouraging your child's learning and development. You can make a real difference just by talking, singing, sharing books and playing together.

PEEP sessions are one hour per week and are a great opportunity for you and your child to make friends, share ideas and have fun through singing, stories and activities.

Each block of PEEP is different. Sometimes we make playdough or small crafts.

Our Family Learning Team member is Elaine Clinton. Elaine is joined by Emma Fairbairn or Sarah Ghee for our PEEP sessions. Spaces are limited so make sure you sign up early.

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supporting parents and children to learn together





## STAY AND PLAY

'Stay and Play' sessions provide an opportunity for you to visit the EYC during your child's usual EYC hours. They can show you their favourite places to play, introduce you to some of the routines and involve you in their games.

This is a great opportunity to see what interests your child and observe how they interact with staff, other children and resources in their daily play.

'Stay and Play' sessions last 30 minutes.

We also offer evening sessions to accommodate working families who are unable to attend during usual EYC hours.

## BISCUIT AND BLETHER 'THEMED SESSIONS'

Our 'Biscuit and Bletcher' sessions are informal meetings for parents of our EYC children. These half-hour sessions will have a focused theme for discussion and will allow you to meet other parents of children in the EYC while you enjoy a tea or coffee and a biscuit.

We look forward to hearing what matters to you and what you would like to discuss at the sessions. A survey will follow soon to get your views and ideas which will help us to plan for the dates throughout the year.



## BOOK and RHYME WEEK 'READ WITH ME'

Book Week Scotland and World Nursery Rhyme Week runs from 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun, they are excellent teaching tools: They help children to develop literacy skills, boost vocabulary and language development, provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills and help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.

During this week we are inviting parents, grandparents and carers in to the EYC to read, sing songs and rhymes to your child(ren).

Sign-up sheets will be available at the beginning of November for this and we appreciate any input and time you are able to give.





## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sit back, relax and enjoy as your little ones take to the stage to entertain you with festive songs and rhymes.

Our Christmas Concert will take place in the dining hall with our beautiful Christmas Tree and is sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.



## PLAY ON PEDALS

Play on Pedals will teach pre-school children about the parts of a bike, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of looking after their bikes. Through a series of fun and imaginative activities, they will be helped to develop their balance and control skills, often using a pedal-less balance bike. Play on Pedals has strong links to the curriculum for excellence. Hollie is our lead practitioner for Play on Pedals.



## MAKE AND TASTE

'Make and Taste' workshops provide an opportunity for parents and carers to sit with their children and enjoy making and eating healthy food together. There are some delicious healthy snack recipes to follow and some fun ideas to get children eating foods they might not normally want to try.

Our 'Make and Taste' workshops are still to be arranged for this session and we will notify you as soon as we have dates.

Maureen is our lead practitioner and looks forward to running sessions this year.

## BOOKBUG

Bookbug Sessions are for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads and carers. Sessions last around 30 minutes and include songs, rhymes and a story. Everyone is welcome!

Going to a Bookbug Session is a great way for families to spend time with each other and meet other families from the Early Years Centre. Bookbug Sessions can also help to build children's social skills and support their speech and language development. Most importantly, Bookbug Sessions are fun! Bookbug sessions are run by Emma Fairbairn, Maureen and Lyndsey.







## PARENT ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

TERM 1	
Kingcase Family Partnership AGM	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – 7pm in the School Staff Room
September Holiday weekend – EYC closed	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 5.00pm–7.00pm
Personal Plan Meetings	<p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Laura (Purple Group) and Lyndsey (Orange Group)</p> <p>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Sarah (Blue Group) and Emma Fairbairn (Green Group)</p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Lisa/Hollie (Yellow Group) Maureen/Nina (Red Group)</p> <p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Emma Kerr (Pink Group)</p> <p><i>Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.</i></p>
Stay and Play – Bedtime Stay and Play with Toast and Milk ChildSmile is also attending	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – 6.00pm–7.00pm
October Holiday week – EYC closed	<p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October (Inservice Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October)</p> <p>Children return to EYC on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</p>
TERM 2	
In Service Day – EYC closed	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Biscuit and Blether – Story telling at home	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – 9.15am
Halloween Fun Day	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
PEEP	<p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am</p> <p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am</p> <p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am</p> <p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 10.15am</p>
Book and Rhyme Week	<p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</p> <p>You will be able to come into the EYC and read with your child on Wednesday and Friday at 2.30pm</p>
Enterprise Fortnight with Christmas Market on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December – afternoon	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
EYC Christmas Concert	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – enter via main office
Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas jumper/tinsel/dress etc	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Festive Stay and Play	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 9.15am – 10.00am or 2.00–2.45pm each day. Sign-up sheets available – week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> December
EYC Christmas Party	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
EYC Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December





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TERM 3	
EYC opens after Christmas Holidays	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 9am. Gate will open at 9.00am
Biscuit and Blether – Play on Pedals	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am – 9.45am
Personal Plan Meetings	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.
EYC closed for long weekend	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  EYC will reopen on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am
Bookbug	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am-10.00am Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am-10.00am Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am-10.00am
Stay and Play	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am-9.45am or 2.10pm-2.40pm  Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 9.15am-9.45am or 2.10pm-2.40pm
EYC closed for Easter	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
TERM 4	
EYC opens after Easter Holiday	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April. Gate will open at 9.00am
Personal Plan Meetings	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May. Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.
May Holiday Weekend EYC Closed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
EYC Fun Fit Farewell Fortnight	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
EYC Family Potted Sports Day	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow - afternoon
EYC Summer Concert	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – afternoon
School closes for summer break.	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June

There may be some occasions where dates need to be changed, however, we will try to avoid this happening and in the event that dates are changed, we will aim to give our families, plenty of notice.

Please note that more dates might be added to the calendar throughout the year.

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