



Welcome

Troon Early Years Centre



Information for Parents

2021



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WELCOME

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Welcome

We are so pleased that you will be coming to join us at Troon Early Years Centre next year. You will have lots of fun with your friends and learn all sorts of interesting things.

Due to our current situation, many activities that would normally take place are being adapted to suit our current way of working. We have included as much information as we can in this booklet and we have planned some Zoom sessions to help you familiarise yourself with EYC staff and other children. We are looking forward to meeting you all properly in August.



We have created a virtual tour with photos and descriptions of some of the main areas in the nursery and photos of the staff members who will look after you and help you to learn and grow.

We are also holding three Zoom sessions with the Family Learning Team to let you and your grown-ups see some of the staff and children who will be in nursery when you start in August. You and your family can also take part in our exciting transition project around the book 'Dear Zoo'. When we return in August you and your new friends will already have something in common!

On our return to nursery we will all work together to make sure that you feel comfortable and safe in your new environment. You will have lots of people to help you - your key worker, the teachers, management staff and your friends.

We are really looking forward to seeing you soon!

From

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HEAD TEACHER

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Start Time

Children follow different attendance patterns at nursery. Your parents/carers will know which days of the week you will be attending.



Morning Placement	8:00am – 12:45pm <i>Doors open at 12:30pm to allow safe social distancing</i>
Afternoon Placement	1:15pm – 6:00pm <i>Last pick up 5:45pm</i>
All day placement (first half of the week)	Monday and Tuesday 8:00am – 6:00pm, and Wednesday 8:00am – 11:45am <i>Last pick up 5:45pm</i>
All day placement (second half of the week)	Wednesday from 2:15pm – 6:00pm, and Thursday and Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm <i>Last pick up 5:45pm</i>

Lunch

If you have an all-day placement, you will stay for lunch with us. You can bring a packed lunch from home or choose to enjoy a delicious school meal. If you bring your own packed lunch, please remember to bring this in a labelled disposable bag and not a packed lunch box – this makes it easier to store in our fridge. Please remember to stick to healthy foods in your lunch box as we follow healthy eating guidelines in the EYC.

We eat lunch with our nursery friends. We all sit together around the table and chat about our day, our families and our interests.



GETTING READY

It is a good idea to try putting your coat and shoes on all by yourself before you come to the EYC.



Make sure you can go to the toilet by yourself too. We have our own toilets in the nursery. Remember to go whenever you need to – and don't forget to wash and dry your hands! If you still need a little help with toilet training, our Early Years Practitioners will support you with this.

Try to recognise your own name too – that means you can find your coat peg all by yourself when you arrive each day. You can also help to find your name on the sign-in sheet every day.



ARRIVING AT THE EYC

On your first day, you will get to meet the other boys and girls as well as all the staff. Your mum, dad or grown up will collect you when it is time to go home.



Every day you will be signed into the EYC by a grown-up. Remember to give your grown-up a wave before you run off to play with all your new friends!

At the end of the session, we get our jackets and bags and sit together until a grown-up comes to collect us.

We will update you of any changes to this routine when we return in August.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE EYC

When you arrive for your session, you will sign in. You will find a peg with your name on it. You can keep your bag and jacket here while you are playing. It is a good idea to wear a coat or jacket each day as we like to go out and play whenever we can.

When everyone has arrived it is time to get busy! We start our sessions with Welcome Time, where you can see all your friends, listen to the staff and find out about the activities and experiences on offer that day. There are always lots of things to choose from in the playroom – jigsaws, writing tables, painting, snack, outdoor play, role play corner, library, computers or iPads. We love to learn and explore!



You will get a chance to go for a snack each day. We have healthy choices like bananas, cheese, crackers, wraps, pancakes, apples, carrots, cereal and veggie sticks and dip. You can choose if you would like water or milk to drink.

Throughout the day there will be stories, songs, rhymes and games. We like to explore our local community and we often go for walks to the beach or around the town. Sometimes we visit the train station or the fire station or we take money to the shops to buy things for nursery.

Some days you will get to go along to the GP room and sing or play instruments. Other times you can play, dance and exercise in the gym!

All the staff in the playroom are there to help you. If you need anything just ask. Sometimes your friends can help too if you are stuck with a jigsaw or need someone to play with.

WHAT TO WEAR



Most boys and girls wear their uniform so we know they belong at Troon. The ladies in the school office have polo shirts and sweatshirts for you to try. Sweatshirts are £11 and polo shirts are £9.

Make sure your name is inside all your clothes and shoes so they never get muddled up.

You will need a comfy dress, skirt, shorts or trousers. You might like to wear the nursery polo shirt and sweatshirt.

You are going to look very smart! Everyone will want to take photos - remember to give them a BIG smile!

Please remember to pack a change of clothes in your bag in case you get a bit messy or wet while you are playing! In colder, winter months, we ask that you bring waterproof jackets and trousers or puddle suits, wellies, hats and gloves. In the warmer months, we ask you to pack sunhats and sun cream. This means that we can play outside in all weathers!



MEET THE TEAM

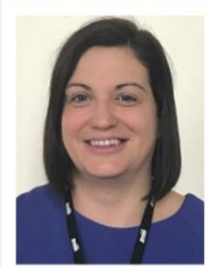
Ms Roan
Head Teacher



Mrs Clark
Depute Head Teacher



Mrs Alcroft
Principal Teacher



Mrs McGilp (temp)
Depute Manager



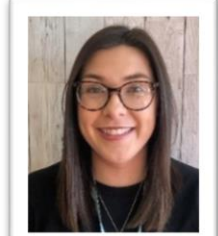
Mrs McClure
Early Years Teacher



Mrs Law
Early Years Teacher
Excellence & Equity Lead



Ms Graham (temp)
Senior Early Years
Practitioner



Miss Donnelly
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Thorburn (temp)
Early Years Practitioner



Miss Galt
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Dowling
Early Years Practitioner



Miss Malone
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Gilchrist
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs McCallion
Early Years Practitioner



Mrs Sclater
Early Years Practitioner



Miss McMillan
Early Years Practitioner
(currently on maternity leave)



THE
**Early
Years**
TEAM



Troon Early Years Centre



Virtual Tour



COAT PEGS



We all have our own coat pegs with a picture and our name on. This is where we will hang our coats every day in the EYC.

TOILETS

Our toilets are child sized and we encourage children's independence when toileting, however staff support children when required. We always wash our hands after visiting the toilet.



READING DEN



Our reading den is cosy and welcoming, encouraging children to explore the books and puppets on offer. Children can choose and explore stories of their choice. A member of staff is always on hand to read stories in the book corner.

LITERACY



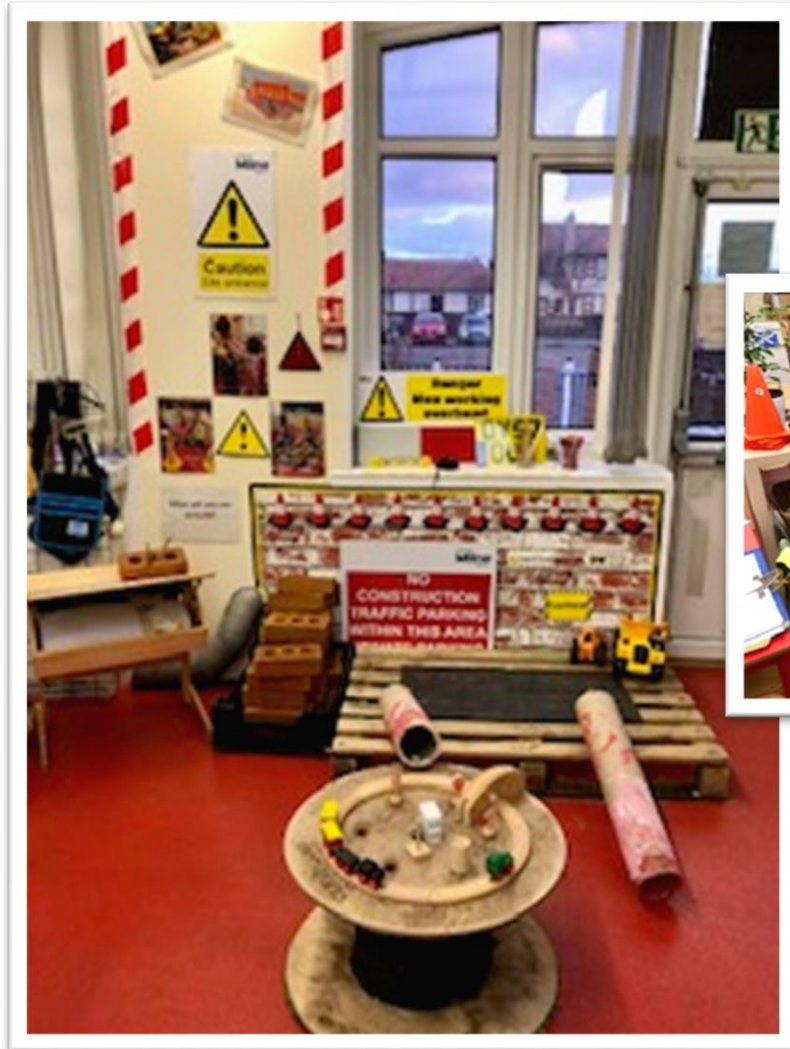
Our literacy area promotes mark-making and communication. We have lots of resources children can choose from to create their very own pictures and writing. The ladies love hearing all about your experiences. We also use shaving foam and coloured sand to mark-make. There are literacy experiences on offer in all areas of the nursery, including outdoors.

ROLE-PLAY



We change our role-play regularly to meet the interests of the children. We can cook dinner in the house, plant seeds in the garden centre and help the animals in the vets. We use loose parts in our role-play area. Lots of room to use your imagination!

CONSTRUCTION



We use lots of real materials and tools in our construction area. We build towers, bridges and roads for our cars to go. Sometimes we mix sand and water to make cement for our bricks. There are construction experiences available both inside and outside.

NUMERACY



Our numeracy area allows us to learn numbers through play. We use games and lots of real life resources to have fun with numbers. We use scales, clocks, rulers, tape measures, and lots of other measurement equipment. We have jigsaws, an abacus and lots of loose parts to explore.

ART/CREATIVITY



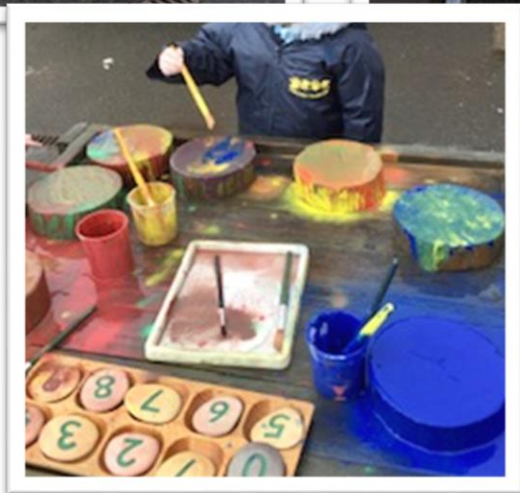
Our art area has many resources to promote creativity. Children can choose from a range of resources to create their very own masterpieces. We have paint, chalk, feathers, shells, corks, wood, glitter, glue . . . the list is endless. We can make our own play-dough at the dough station and use shaving foam and gloop for messy play.

SNACK AREA



We have independent snack in the EYC and, in usual circumstances, children help prepare and set up snack. All children have the opportunity to have snack every day. We offer a variety of healthy snacks including fruit, vegetables and cereals. Milk and water is available with snack and water is on offer all day in the EYC. The children also have the opportunity to be snack helpers.

OUTDOOR AREA



We access the outdoors every day unless there is severe weather. The children have the opportunity for free-play in the garden and structured activities such as planting and ring games. We visit the big playground and have the opportunity to play on the bikes and participate in the daily mile. We use the local environment for walks as often as we can. We walk through the town, down to the beach or up to the train station.

DINING HALL / GYM HALL

In usual circumstances, we visit the lunch hall every day with the children who stay for lunch. At the moment, children eat lunch in the nursery. Children will be supported to serve themselves with the support of staff. We will get to know the dinner ladies and become familiar with the lunch time routine.

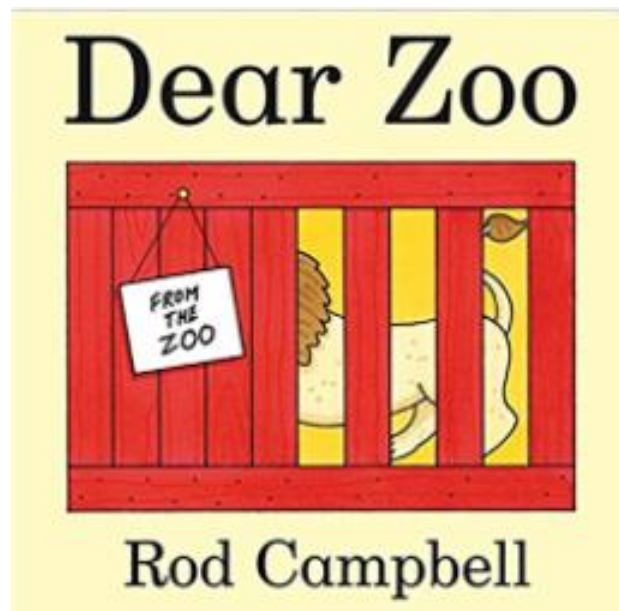
This is also the gym hall. Children come here to keep fit and healthy.





Transition Project

We have created a 3-part transition project based on the book 'Dear Zoo'. The first part of this project is included with your welcome pack. Click on the links on the PDF file to take you to your activities. The second and third parts of the project will follow in the coming weeks.



RESOURCES

Recognising faces on the first day at nursery makes this new experience easier for children and families. Our very own Early Years Centre staff have recorded stories for your children to listen to. Follow the links to access the stories. Try to watch these more than once so that your child becomes familiar with the faces and voices of some of our early years staff.

Story List

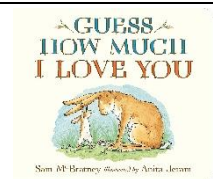
Blossom and Boo, read by Mrs Sclater

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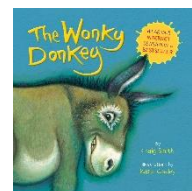
Guess How Much I Love You, read by Mrs McCallion

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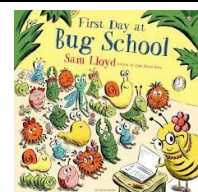
The Wonky Donkey, read by Miss McMillan

<https://youtu.be/RJVZfF29DVU>



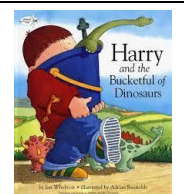
First Day at Bug School, read by Miss Malone

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Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, read by Mrs Gilchrist

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Little Owl's First Day, read by Miss Donnelly

<https://youtu.be/BFHTuNiP29o>

