



Oakburn EYC

June 2021

Facebook

We have created a facebook page for parents. This page is closed and only families can access this. Children will not appear on our facebook page unless we have obtained consent.

Please search for Oakburn EYC.

E Journals



We have issued logins to parents with settling photographs and video's. At the moment you may have a higher level of uploads. When we get busier staff will have time off the floor fortnightly to upload updates.

We have put on a page for parents to contribute news or achievement from home. This will allow children to discuss homelife at group times.

There is an app you can put onto your smart phone or ipad etc. Search learning journals and look for the emblem above.

We encouraged parents to add your comments to the observations.

If you have any problems with logins or set up links missed please speak to a member of staff.

New Staff

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new staff team who have recently joined us for opening.

You should know who your child's keyworker is. Please let us know if you are unsure. Staff photographs are in the window and staff will be uploading welcome videos this week onto e-journals.

Scott, our support worker started today.

Welcome to Oakburn EYC



Welcome to Oakburn. We hope you have been happy with your experience so far. We are delighted with how most of the children are settling into their new environment.



Newsletters will be issued monthly to keep you up to date with events. We plan to have drop in coffee meetings monthly with Kirsty, Erin and our family champion Shirleyanne on the 4th June. This is an opportunity to ask questions about the nursery. We hope we can do face to face coffee in the future when restrictions lift.

The ways in which we will communicate with you will be e-journals for your child's feedback & homelinks, groupcall emails for official letters, newsletters and reminders, facebook for reminders, events, Centre blog for weekly news. We will occasionally send you a questionnaire for feedback/ views or to involve you in evaluating particular aspects of the service.

The website now has some information for parents. It contains a welcome letter, handbook, meet the staff page, video walk round and gallery photographs. The website will develop as the year goes on. Newsletters can be found here too.

Every year we will have a curriculum evening, this takes place September/ October. We will provide more information about this nearer the time.

Staff will be offering settling calls or Teams meetings week beginning 4th July. The meetings will be for short 10 minutes to discuss how your child is settling and what they are interested in. Staff will book you in for appointments week beginning 24th May.

We are always happy to speak to parents if you have any concerns or questions.

Treat Fund

We depend on treat fund payments from parents to help fund events, Christmas gifts, sun cream and parties as well as baking ingredients and providing daily snack for the children. Children will plan the snack menu's termly with staff. Without your payments to the treat fund this will not be possible.



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Look at us



Family Champion

Shirleyanne is our family champion. She is well experienced in caring for her own children and the challenges that can bring as well as a wealth of experience working with parents and parenting groups.

Some of the things Shirleyanne can support with is:

- Toilet training
- Night terrors/Bedtime routines
- Behaviour issues
- Eating habits
- Daily routines
- Biting
- Tantrums



We will be organising termly parenting sessions. We will seek your views of what you would be most interested in. If you need some 1:1 support from Shirleyanne please let us know and we can arrange this.

Contracts

For parents with children attending for wrap around care, you will receive your contracts this week. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. All opportunities for making changes for this term has closed. Payment details will be included with the contract.

Parents can make one change a term. If parents require a change to attendance an alteration request can be obtained from the office, which you should complete and return to us. If we can accommodate the change we will let you know. Four weeks notice must be given to the early years department before any change of pattern can start.

Lunch Routines

Thank you to everyone who completed the glow form for ordering lunches! Your support with this is much appreciated. Lunch routines will be trialled as a café style in the same way as snack time. Children can choose when they to come to eat. Staff will keep track of who has been for snack and lunch. We will continuously revise this as we get busier.

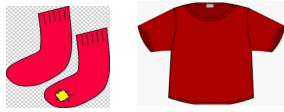
Pack Lunches should follow the healthy guidelines as sent out with your welcome pack. We do not allow juice, sugary snacks or crisps in packed lunches as we follow the 'Setting the Table' guidelines for healthy eating. We request that parents put the packed lunches in a cool bag with an ice pack as we do not have the storage capacity for refrigerating packed lunches.



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Spare clothes

A little reminder to make sure all draw string bags on the Children's pegs contain spare trousers, tops, pants and socks. As children participate in different sensory and outdoor play in all weather, this will help ensure all children have a change of clothes for any accidents or messy play. If your child does not yet have a draw string bag please speak to key worker or seniors.



Group Time

Children will have the opportunity to come and sit with their key worker for a short time daily. Morning group time will be 11.30am and afternoon group will be 3.30pm.

Children will cover many things including their news, looking at e-journals, days, month, seasons, numeracy experiences, developing social skills, stories, singing and drawing/emergent writing opportunities.

Sun hats & sun cream

As we hopefully will be coming into warmer weather can we ask that children attend nursery with a sun hat and also have a layer of sun cream applied. We will top up sun cream throughout the day thereafter.

The sun cream we use is Aldis' own, Lacura Factor 50, extra sensitive.



If your child has cannot use the suncream please inform staff and send in a bottle which we can store for them.

Curriculum

Staff will be starting to plan for children's learning from 24th May. Staff will be working on 'In the moment' planning focusing on observing children's interests and planning provocations that include literacy and numeracy.

We will provide some information on planning on the window at the entrance of the centre.

Staff will be assessing children's learning over the next 4 weeks in order to plan for next steps.

Frances, our early years teacher will be working with the children on aspects of literacy and numeracy. Most planning is done through active play as we get the most from children if they are engaged and interested in what they are doing.

Dates for the Diary

May

Monday 10th May - Opening day!!

May Bank holiday—Friday 28th— Monday 31st inclusive.

June

Friday 4th June— TEAMS drop in with HoC and family champion

Monday 7th –11th June –Settling calls/TEAMS meetings

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE PASSWORDS TO ANYONE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. THERE IS MORE INFORMATION IN THE HANDBOOK ABOUT OUR SECURITY PRACTICES. WE HAVE THESE STRICT MEASURES TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION :) (Please ensure both parents know the password if we have not met either parent at drop/off collection times before)

