



Oakburn EYC

August 2021

Welcome

Welcome to all of our new families joining us from August. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. Our website has information about the centre. We also have a nursery Facebook Page for reminders of events happening in the nursery. Our Facebook page is Oakburn EYC.

Sharing parent emails

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire asking if we can share your email with other parents. For those who answered yes, you will receive a list of the parent name, child's first name and email address. This to allow parents to arrange play dates.

Staff welcome

We would like to Welcome Mhairi Higney, Elaine Jeffrey and Rong Biegus who are starting here at Oakburn with us from August.

Covid update

Scottish Government issued guidance to increase bubbles to 48 children per bubble. Therefore, in Oakburn EYC we will be operating with two bubbles from 2nd August. One bubble will be 2-3 room and the second bubble will be the 3-5 room. We will update you when this changes.

1140 hours important information

You will be aware that East Dunbartonshire Council is implementing 1140 hours funded from 2nd August. This means that children's entitlement to early years education will increase. You will have had confirmation of your place from us. If you have not please contact us.

Each child 3-5 year old child or entitled 2 year old is eligible to receive 23 hours 45minutes per week of funded early years education. The centre operates year round closing for bank holidays, in-service days and between Christmas and New Year. Dates are in the handbook and on our website.

Reminder of session times

Funded only 1140 hours consist of :

5 x am sessions 8am-12.45pm or

5 x pm sessions 1.15pm-6pm or

5 mixed sessions or

2 1/2 days—8am— 5.30pm + one am or pm sessions

Wrap around care is hours that go over the 23 hours 45 minutes per week. A contract will be issued to parents prior to starting. Contracts must be returned to the centre. Wrap around care options are as above and/ or :

8am— 5pm

8am-6pm.

Parents can request one change of attendance per term. If we can accommodate this 4 weeks notice is required before the change can begin.

Every child will receive a funded lunch for when they attend the centre. A menu will be emailed every Thursday. We request that parents discuss the lunch options, complete the glow form with your child and return to us by the Sunday evening. We provide milk and water throughout the day.

If parents wish to provide a packed lunch they can do so. We request that parents read the healthy lunch leaflet we send out prior to starting. No sugary drinks or treats should be contained within the pack lunch. We are also an egg and nut free centre due to allergies.

We are currently updating our snack menu with the children. Children will have fruit with a carbohydrate and milk or water.

Any dietary requirements for lunch or snack will be met. Please discuss this with us prior to your child settling.

Puddle suits

As we will no doubt be returning to wet weather in the near future, we request that parents provide a puddle suit and wellies for your child. Can these please make sure you put your child's name on any clothing. Due to covid we are not sharing any clothing currently.

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Nursery contact details:

Tel: 0141 955 2210

Email: eyc@oakburn.e-dunbarton@sch.uk

Butterfly lifecycles



BBQ



Water slide



Scavenger hunt



Group times

As we are still waiting on any update from Scottish Government about when we can allow parents back into centre, we would like to ensure to have opportunities to engage with your child's learning and keyworker.

See below dates and times that you can join in for your child's group time:

Cherry group: Monday 16th August @ 3.30pm

2-3 room: Tuesday 17th August @ 9.30am / 3.30pm

Pine group: Tuesday 17th August 11.30am/3.30pm

Blossom group: Tuesday 17th August 11.30am/3.30pm

Beech group: Wednesday 18th August 11.30am/3.30pm

Yew group: Wednesday 18th August 11.30am/3.30pm

Chestnut group: Thursday 19th August 11.30am/3.30pm

Willow group: Thursday 19th August 11.30am/3.30pm

We will send TEAMS invites for you to join online.

Summer programme

The children have been having great fun during our summer programme which has seen them participating in BBQ, going on bug hunts, creating obstacle courses, having water play with slide, and spray bottles and exploring different countries, their flags foods and interesting facts.

See some of our photographs.

Parent drop in with management

We will be hosting regular drop in meetings with the management team and other staff members. On 27th August @ 10.30am Kirsty, Erin and our nursery teacher will be hosting a meeting to discuss the curriculum and how we deliver play experiences whilst monitoring children's learning.

We will email a teams link and would be delighted if you could join us. This is an opportunity to ask questions or find out more about our learning, teaching and assessment approaches.

We will host a curriculum evening for parents later in the year either in centre or on TEAMS dependent on covid restrictions.

Parents meetings with key workers will start in October and roll throughout the year. Further information will follow.

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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.



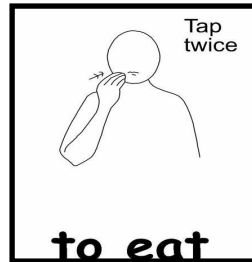
Inset day

Reminder that the centre is closed on 10th & 11th August for in-service days. We will re-open on the 12th August.



Makaton

We have introduced 'More' and 'Eat/Snack' into makaton. The children are becoming very good using the signs at snack and lunch time. We have just introduced 'hello' and 'goodbye'. This supports children's communication skills, particularly for children where language is just developing.



To eat



More

During the holidays the children will be learning some Makaton songs.

Parking

As the centre gets busier we request that parents park safely and be considerate of others. We request that parents avoid using the disabled spaces unless you have a disability badge. Thank you for your co-operation.



Dates for the Diary



2nd August—new funding year 1140 hours

10th & 11th—In-service day, centre closed

17th August - Group time Teams 11.30am/3.30pm

27th August— drop in Teams with Kirsty, Erin & Frances

24th—27th—September weekend

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE PASSWORDS TO ANYONE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. IF WE HAVE NOT MET THE COLLECTOR BEFORE EVEN IF IT IS DAD OR MUM WE CANNOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD UNLESS A MEMBER OF STAFF RECOGNISES THEM. 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 :)

