



Oakburn EYC

August 2022

Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us in July. We are delighted to have your children attend here.

Car Parking

Reminder that the car park is busy during drop off and pick up time.

Please ensure you are parking considerably and not blocking any walk ways or other cars. Please use the street if there is no appropriate space to park.

Parents can park in the 6 available spaces on the right hand side in the layby.

Thank You!

New staff

We would like to welcome our new staff to Oakburn who will be joining our team in the 3-5 room in August.

Michael has secured a full time position, working alternative shifts 8-4 or 10-6, he will be joining Jocelyn in our new group, the Holly Group.

Siobhan B has secured a part time position, working 8-1 and will be joining Pamela in the Chestnut group.

Gail has secured a part time position, working 12-6, she will be joining Sarah in our new group, The Sycamore Group.



Social Media

We have a broad range of communication lines with parents. Parents are welcome to join our Facebook page "Oakburn EYC" where we share information regarding the nursery and share learning experiences the children have participated in.

Our blog is updated every two weeks where we share the learning experiences children have explored. You can find the link to the blog via our nursery Website.

Reminder—please do not save any picture from Facebook, or Learning Journals and share them on other social medias.

Nursery Session Times/Alterations

As our new term begins and there may have been some changes to your child's sessions. Please find below a remind of the nursery session times:
**AM Session 8:00-12:45, PM 1:15-6:00, Full Day 8:00-5:30/
8:00-5:00/ 8:00-6:00**

If you are unsure of your child's session times please check with the Office. **It is important for all parents/carers to collect your child on time as late collections impact staff ratio at these busy times.** If you would like any daily feedback about your child, please allow time for this before collecting at the end of your child's session for staff to be able to give this.

Reminder: Any alterations to your child's sessions can only be submitted **ONCE per term** and 4 weeks notice should be given for this change. There are 3 terms in a year running from August-December, January—March, April—July. Please speak to the office regarding any changes and availability. Alteration forms can be found on the EDC website.

Keyworker Groups

As we have new staff members joining our team we have created two new groups, The Holly group and The Sycamore Group.

Jocelyn & Michael—Holly Group

Sarah & Gail—Sycamore group.

We think it is important for children to have consistency within their Nursery experience so we have tried to keep Jocelyn and Sarah's group together and have moved the children with them to their new group. Keyworkers will speak to the parents of children who any of these changes effect.



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Nursery contact details:

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Welcome to Acorn Spa.

2-3 children were having a spa day



Acorn Room children have been exploring their interest in insects.



3-5 room have been designing and creating in the woodwork area



We have found different insects in our garden and built them a hotel



Parents Welcome

We are happy to continue having our doors open to parents and carers. Parents, who wish to, will now be able to enter the Centre between the hours of **8am-10am and 4:30pm-6pm**. From August parents will be encouraged to sign their child in/out on our registers at these times. You will continue to be welcomed by a member of the staff team and moving forward we will be looking to increase these times.

Summer Fun

Everyone at Oakburn had a great summer participating in a variety of activities for our themed weeks. Pictures of our activities can be found on our Facebook page or blog and your child's Learning Journals. Thank you to all our parent helpers throughout July, we greatly appreciate all your help and support.



Our Children loved exploring different areas of the community.

Our Children loved using the firepit with Hannah. We toasted some marshmallows.



"A dirty child, is a happy child"

The water and mud slide days were a massive hit! The children had a great time



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Personal belongings

All children have been given an individual smart sack, blue for 2-3 room and green for 3-5 room. Therefore **are not required to bring any other bags to nursery.**

We provide these bags to reduce the amount of items on children's pegs.

We kindly ask that you fill the smart sacks with extra clothes and shoes **clearly labelled with your child's name on them.**

Focus Group

We have formed our parent focus group who will meet monthly. They will discuss ways in which to broaden communication lines with parents and the centre, inform centre of what parents would like to see more of in the nursery, be involved in fundraising activities and increase parental engagement activities for example Stay and play.

EV3 Forms

For us to continue to take part in community and wider visits please ensure you have completed the EV3 permission form to allow your child to participate in these experiences.

All EV3 Forms must be updated for the new academic year. Please see the office to complete.

Childsmile Toothbrushing Programme

We are happy to announce that we will be introducing tooth brushing into our daily routine. This will be the first time we have implemented Childsmile Tooth brushing programme at Oakburn due to COVID-19. We implement this programme to help reduce tooth decay and help improve oral health.

All children are encouraged to participate in tooth brushing daily. If you do not wish your child to participate in tooth brushing please inform the office. Any other information please ask at the office.



Treat Fund

At Oakburn we kindly ask that parents contribute to our treat fund, **£2 per week**

The nursery treat fund helps to fund a number of things for the children, including Daily healthy snacks, gifts at celebrations, public transport for outings, birthday cards and much more.

If you have any questions please speak to the Office.

Toys from home

We recommend that children **do not** bring toys from home to nursery. This is to prevent any toys getting lost or broken. If your child requires a comforter from home please ensure **that their name is on this.**

Dates for the Diary



Start of new term/New billing contract—Monday 1st (invoices will now be scheduled for the 28th of each month) **In-service days** -

Nursery Closed—Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August.

Uniform Order— Next Nursery uniform order form to be completed by **Wednesday 24th August** to be processed by Thursday 25th August.



Nursery Closed— Friday 23rd & Monday 26th September (September Weekend— bank holiday)

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 :)