

Torrance Early Years Centre September 2022



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VISION, VALUES AND AIMS

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Torrance Early Years Centre

After consultation with our parents, children and staff, our new EYC vision, values and aims have been finalised as follows:

Our vision:

"Growing together to be all we can be!"

Our values:

Love, Honesty, Kindness, Respect

Our Aims:

- T** Trust: a safe, trusting learning environment where families, children, staff and other professionals work together to meet the needs of all our children.
- O** Opportunities: providing opportunities for children to grow and learn about themselves and the world we live in.
- R** Right to play: providing quality learning experiences, both indoors and out, developing children's interests and needs.
- R** Responsibility: fostering children's rights and responsibilities for themselves, each other and our environment.
- A** Aspirations: Aiming high and empowering our staff and children to reach their full potential.
- N** Nurture: creating an ethos in which all staff, families and the wider community are nurtured, respected, valued and empowered.
- C** Creativity: celebrating children's individuality by building on their interests, personalities, talents and abilities.
- E** Equality and Equity: ensuring all our children are supported to grow and be all they can be.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The children in our early years setting are getting to know their new keyworkers. The children are also visiting the school gym hall on Mondays and Fridays and the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays during which time they will participate in music machine and PaThs.

Over the following weeks we will be focusing on each of our values to help the children understand how we can demonstrate the values in our setting. We will be sending out postcards to inform you if your child has displayed one of our values in the setting so keep your eyes peeled! Staff are observing the children and responding to their interests and needs and planning appropriate provocations to extend their learning.

We are asking children to bring clothing suitable for our ever changing weather as we often see 4 seasons in the day!

In the coming weeks we are looking for the children to participate in a health and wellbeing check in at self-registration. We will keep you updated as to how this will happen and what it will look like.

To ensure that children's belongings are safe we would be much obliged if you could encourage your child to keep personal toys at home.

Water is available for the children to drink at all times in the Early Years Centre. We would ask you please to not place water bottles in children's bags.

STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Henderson, Cheryl Hughes and Heather Woollon to our early years' team. We are sad to say farewell to Sophie McBride and Katie McDaid who have moved on to full time positions within the local authority.

"ALL ABOUT ME"



In the Early Years Centre we have had a focus on "*all about me and my family.*" Could you please provide your child with a family photo to be displayed in the Centre.



TALKING BOXES (PRE SCHOOLERS ONLY)

Could you please provide your child with an old shoe box containing a maximum of 4 meaningful items/photos. This will enable the children to share information about themselves and develop confidence when talking to their peers in a small group. Your child can bring in their "talking box" whenever it is complete. Please bring to the nursery up until 14th October.

LCFE



As a **L**anguage and **C**ommunication **F**riendly **E**nvironment Centre, we continue to work on the following indicators:

1. A physical environment that enhances and promotes opportunities for speech language and communication for all pupils
2. Adult talk that encourages and promotes participation from all learners
3. Adult interaction styles that are responsive to individual pupil needs
4. The use of supportive learning strategies to develop language and communication skills
5. The establishment can demonstrate a strong commitment to staff training and development to meet the speech, language and communication needs of all pupils.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Each month we will plan focussed learning experiences and outcomes for children. During September we will be concentrating on our nursery values of love, respect, honesty and kindness. If your child displays any of these values at home, please let us know. We will also be focussing on forward number word sequences. At home encourage your child to chant numbers e.g. when climbing the stairs. Our literacy focus will be fine motor control which encourages development of appropriate pencil grip. Activities to develop this can include tearing paper, twisting on/off bottle tops and pulling/squeezing playdough. Encourage your child to use their thumb and index finger or thumb and next two fingers.

GROUPCALL/EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

We will continue to send future newsletters electronically through email. We may also send out text message reminders at times. Please ensure your email



address and mobile phone number is always up to date. Please contact the nursery office with any changes.

OUTSIDE OF NURSERY ACHIEVEMENTS



We always like to reward and recognise children's achievements outside of nursery on a regular basis. If your child has achieved a certificate, medal, badge or trophy for a club or indeed mastered a new skill, we want to know! Please inform us through Learning Journals or by telling a member of staff.



LEARNING JOURNALS



Please remember you can upload any experiences from home on wider achievements tab onto your child's learning journal. We would love to see them!

FOREST KINDERGARTEN SESSIONS

These will resume again on Wednesday 14th September for a period of six weeks. Further groups will continue on from this. Please observe information on Learning Journals to inform you of when your child will be participating. If you wish to be a parent helper on the block that your child is involve in please inform a member of staff.

The Forest Kindergarten approach provides children with the freedom, space and a beautiful natural environment in which children can run, swing, build dens, climb, be creative, acquire a natural curiosity and hands-on understanding of the natural world, to tell stories, play and explore, whilst experiencing all that nature has to offer. Every day we discover and learn something new through the ever changing seasons. Children develop strong physical, social and language skills, and above all self-esteem and respect for the great outdoors.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN

All of the websites suggested below can be found on the following link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/curriculumlinks/early/>

Poisson Rouge www.poissonrouge.com/

Hector's World – Computer Safety www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

BBC Explore Some More

www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/learning/exploresomemore/#

Kids Psych www.kidspsych.org/index1.html

BBC Balamory www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/balamory

Little Animals Activity Centre www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/index.shtml

Online Stories www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp

NASA Kid's Club

www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html#.VQFeFXxReul

CBeebies Shows www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows

Number Time www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/games/index.shtml

Fun with Spot www.funwithspot.com/uk/website.html



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Childline Scotland

0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

Parentline Scotland

0808 800 222

www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

Parentzone

www.ltscotland.org.uk/parentzone

Provides information about education in Scotland for parents of children aged 3 to 18, and ideas on how to support your child.

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COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

At Torrance Primary we value our partnership with parents, carers and members of the community. We are always keen to hear your views and to find out if we can provide a better service. If you are unhappy with any aspect of our service, please let us know. Hopefully any concerns can be resolved before they become major issues.



