

Welcome to Mill O' Forest Nursery



2020/21

Due to COVID 19 and the unprecedented situation we currently find ourselves in, our nursery will look and operate differently this year.

We will continue with our high standard learning experiences however some of the activities and resources have had to be tailored to ensure they are safe for the children and staff to use and keep clean.

As you are already aware, we are not currently proceeding with our extended 1140 hours. However, every child has been allocated 5 sessions per week and although we are starting the year with induction sessions for all, the children's time in nursery will gradually increase. For the children returning to nursery, we recognise that many will find it difficult to settle back into the new routines. To alleviate stress and worry for all, best practice dictates that we treat each child individually and take settling in at their pace.

Social distancing

Following guidance from the Authority and Scottish Government although it is not expected that the children will have to socially distance on their return to nursery, **older children and adults will**. Therefore, we will be organising the children into Key groups for dropping off and picking up **at our 3 nursery gates (they will be labelled 1, 2 and 3 and you will receive notification of which gate you should go to at what time)**. Staff will be at the 3 gates to welcome you and your child (advice states that only 1 adult should be present at this time) and we will have markings on the ground to keep you all safely distanced, 2 metres apart. Staff will sign the children in at the start of the session and if someone other than you is picking up, please advise us **at this time**. As the safety of the children, staff, parents, and carers is our priority, adults will NOT be allowed to come into the nursery and must stay in the playground. We will continue to use safe methods of communication through telephone, skype, email and seesaw. For the parents of children starting at Mill O' Forest for the first time we hope to carry out your induction in the nursery garden. We will have induction packs ready for you to take away, complete and return before your child starts his/her first session. The children will be organised into Key Groups: Red, Yellow, Blue, Purple, Green and Orange and their Keyworker will be introduced to you when you attend our Induction meetings.

In the past we have been lucky to use a shared entrance with the Family Centre and nursery parents have also used this space as a waiting area. However, in present circumstances this area can no longer be used as we cannot guarantee safe use. We realise this is not ideal, especially as our climate is so changeable, however we must place everyone's safety first.

Many thanks

The Team

	Mrs Leith		Mr Gray
	Miss Ross		Mrs Watson
	Mrs Eddie		Mrs Hay
	Mrs Corrigan		Mrs Ruickbie

Each child will be assigned a member of nursery staff and this will be their identified adult throughout the year. All members of staff are responsible for the welfare and academic needs of each child. However, the key worker is the adult responsible for reporting your child's progress to you. Other members of staff will also contribute to this during the sessions.

The nursery team work together, planning to ensure consistent and engaging activities are offered to the nursery pupils. The staff work within the Early Level Curriculum of Excellence and focus on outcomes linked to the children's learning, skills and individual interests. Everyone can contribute to these to ensure the children (including parents/carers) get the best experience that they can from Mill O' Forest Nursery.

We have some very important rules in nursery, and these are:



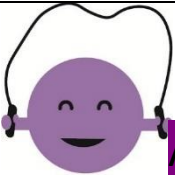





1. Kind Hands
2. Good Listening, Looking and Sitting
3. Walking Feet
4. Good Sharing

and lots of hand washing!



In school and nursery, we follow
HEART values.

We also have some very special friends in nursery who remind us to always do our best and their names are:

 Safe Sunny	 Healthy Harry	 Active Archie
 Nancy Nurture	 Achieving Aaron	 Responsible Ruby
 Rachel & Robbie Respect		 Including Everyone!

Please take the following to nursery with you every day!



A jacket for all weathers!

When you start nursery please bring some gym shoes, preferably with Velcro fastenings so that you can take them on and off independently and welly boots. We will also need you to take in a change of clothes. These should be placed in a bag, clearly labelled.



Please remember to label all items as they will be staying in nursery. The only item which will be going back and forth with be your jacket. We can not allow items from other settings to come into nursery due to infection control.

In line with government advice and guidance, items from home and nursery should be minimised to avoid cross contamination and therefore limit risk. The children should change their clothes when they come home from nursery and wear clean clothes the following day.

If your child requires any medications, all attempts should be made to administer these at home. If this is not possible, please speak to staff.

We look forward to welcoming you all and hope you enjoy your time with us at Mill O' Forest Nursery.

