**Dates for your diary 2021-2022**

Tuesday 22nd Dec – Tuesday 5th Jan 22 - Closed to ALL term time children

Thursday 24th Dec – Tuesday 4th Jan 22 - Closed to ALL children

Nursery shall re –open Wednesday 5th January 22 - 52 week children only.

There may be dates (not listed above) that could be added throughout the year by Glasgow City Council (eg. In Service Days) We will notify you of these as soon as we are made aware of unexpected dates. i.e Elections etc.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of all closure dates until June 2021.

**Term 1 2021-2022 at Govan Family Learning Centre.**

**Welcome back**: We are delighted to welcome all our families to session 2021-22. It is lovely to have all the children together again and share stories of summer fun. We extend this welcome to any new families that are starting their journey at Govan Family Learning Centre and welcome them to our community.There have been limited changes within the staff team and most practitioners remain in the playrooms they were previously in so that we can continue to promote Recovery, Resillience and Reconnection in relation to the very difficult past 18 months which we have all encountered.

**Management Team**

Catherine Leese: Head of Nursery

Marilyn Steele: Depute Head of Nursery

Carly Chambers: Acting Team Leader

Jillian Campbell: Lead Practitioner of Attainment (3-5 Playroom)

**Clerical:** Pauline Doherty

**0-2 Playroom (12 children) Ratio 1 Practitioner to 3 children**

Fiona Caldicott: Child Development Officer

Michelle Devlin: Child Development Officer

Margaret Louden: Child Development Officer

**2-3 Playroom (20 children) Ratio 1 Practitioner to 5 children**

Angela Kyle: Child Development Officer

Denise K Stone: Child Development Officer

Lisa Rennie: Child Development Officer

Ashley McGarrachan: ChildDevelopment Officer

Jacqueline Barr: Child Development Officer (Part/Time)

**3-5 Playroom (24 children) Ratio 1 Practitioner to 8 children**

Kelly Anne Doyle: Child Development Officer

Nicola Hunter: Child Development Officer

Arlene Monaghan: Child Development Officer

Michelle McMonagle: Child Development Officer

Shannon O’Connor: Child Development Officer

Term 1 Newsletter

**Appropriate clothing during Covid-19**

The majority of time your childs spends at nursery is spent outdoors, particularly due to the importance of ventilation during covid-19. Could we ask that all parents/carers ensure their child arrives at nursery wearing appropriate clothing for the elements of that day. Please include a jacket daily as the great Scottish weather can change hourly as we all already know. Could we also ask that you provide a pair of wellies, an outdoor suit and a bag that stays at nursery at all times, alongside a couple of changes of clothing. (Due to Covid-19 guidance we must limit the transmission of items from home to nursery) Practitioners will inform you if any items are getting to small for your child and return any soiled/dirty items that require to be washed.

**Nut Allergies**

Please ensure your child does not bring or have any items on them that contain nuts or traces of nuts. Please be aware of individual nut allergies. Thank you.

**Cross Infection**

If you are asked to bring nappies, wipes or powdered milk for your child, please ensure that the item is unopened. We are unable to accept a bundle of nappies or an opened bag, this applies to wipes and milk that requires to be made up prior to the feed. We also ask that if your child uses a dummy for nap times, that you provide a dummy that remains in the nursery at all times. We appreciate your co-operation in allowing us to provide quality practice and follow guidelines from Care Inspectorate.

**TWITTER @Govanflc1**

Can we ask that all parents join Twitter? We try to keep parents/carers up to date with photographs and events happening in the nursery during the nursery year. This is secured and vetted by Karen (Head of Nursery). If you are unable to access it, please write down your twitter name and give it to a member of staff so we can accept you.

**URGENT Text Messaging /Xpressions App**

At GFLC we use Xpressions as a form of communication. This App sends you a text/email to highlight events/messages from the nursery. We also use the App to contact you if your child is absent. We urge all parents/carers to download this App and ask that you update us immediately if any of your contact details/emergency contacts/addresses have changed. This is particularly important during the current pandemic incase we need to contact you or inform you that isolation is required or guidance is changing.

**Covid-19**

As per Scottish Govermnet Guidance we are required to continue to follow Covid-19 protocols that were previously in place. Glasgow City Council Early Learning and Childcare Establishments are also regulated by Care Inspectorate who also highlight protocols which we must follow. **We would be grateful for your continued support in following these protocols:**

**Arrival/Collection**:

Plaese ensure you wear a face covering on arrival and collection. Limit the amount of persons bringing and collecting children to one adult per household. Please sanitise hands before pressing the buzzer.

**Social Distancing:**

We ask on bringing and collecting your child that all adults continue to maintain the 2 metres social distancing, particularly when practitioners/staff come to the door. Please stand in the designated boxes until attended to and avoid being in close contact with other families.

**Cleaning Regime:**

The enhanced cleaning regime by practitioners and day cleaning service in the nursery will continue to operate. All resources are cleaned with anti-bacterial spray at least twice daily or as required.

**Handwashing:**

Children will continue to wash their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day as part of their daily routine. Could we ask that parents also encourage this outwith nursery. We encourage children to wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds before rinsing. We have invested in outdoor hand washing stations for children and practitioners to use when outdoors. Parents who are settling new children into nursery are also asked to wash their hands at the outdoor handwashing station.

**Ventilation:**

Good ventilation will remain a key focus at Govan Family Learning Centre. We will continue to maximise the ventilation in all playrooms. The majority of our practice will continue to occur outdoors to limit the mitigation of the virus, therefore, please ensure your child has appropriate clothjing at nursery to accommodate all weathers.

**Settling in:**

New Children starting nursery will continue to be required to take part in an outdoor settling in period. Please ensure if your child is settling in that you are both wearing suitable clothing appropriate to the weather, as our Scottish weather can be unpredictable at times. Parents/carers will be issued with a pamphlet introducing them to the staff team and information about the playrooms.

**Items from home:**

Please encourage your child not to bring personal belongings such as comforters/toys to nursery. If your child is particularly unsettled whilst at nursery then please speak to a practitioner and we can discuss how we will overcome this. Practitioners will inform you if your childs needs clothing or has grown out of wellies etc….

**Planning for Children’s Learning**

Now that children have returned to nursery and have settled back, we are ready to begin focused observations. This allows us to discover childrens individual interests and learning needs and develop an individual learning plan for your child. For children who normally attend GFLC, their previous learning and achievements will be taken into consideration when planning in Term 1 2021-22. For new children who are just beginning their journey, once your child has settled in their playroom, practitioners will begin both focused and spontaneous observations of your child before developing an individual learning plan that their keyworker will take forward and develop during Term 1. These opportunities for learning are combined with further daily learning opportunities and initiatives highlighted in our medium term plan for the playroom. We hope to develop individual power points for each playroom which we will explain further.

**Toy Fund Contributions**

Thank you to all parents who are now contributing to our weekly toy fund. We have purchased an outdoor letterbox which is situated at the front entrance so that parents/carers can safely pay their toy fund without coming into close contact with others. Toy fund plays a very important part in developing learning opportunities that support children’s individual interests and also allows us to buy suncream, birthday books, pay for resources to support outdoor learning alongside celebrating seasonal and cultural festivals. Without your contributions, we would not be able to provide the fabulous opportunities offered to your child on a daily basis. We really do appreciate your support with toy fund and thank you for your contributions!

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**Improvement Plan 2021-22 for Govan Family Learning Centre**

**Our nursery improvement priorities for the year ahead are:**

* We will support our nursery and community to recover and reconnect from the effects of the pandemic by promoting an ethos based firmly on the principles of nurture.
* Promote a holistic approach to raising the attainment of all learners. Children will have opportunities to learn through their landscape and develop skills for life and develop the motivation, courage and belief to influence their own futures.
* An effective system for Self – Evaluation for Improvement**:** will be in place to monitor the quality of our practice and identify our strengths. It will encourage us to follow Covid-19 guidance and identify what we need to do to provide quality outcomes for children and their families.

**We value your feedback: if you would like to comment on these priorities then please send your feedback to** **headteacher@govan-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk**

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