



# Rockfield ELCC

## Sgoil-Araich



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### ***Dear Parent/Carer/Gun a Parantan***

#### **Welcome/Failte**

We would like to welcome everyone to Rockfield and Sgoil-Araich Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC). We hope you all had a lovely Summer and are eager to come to nursery and have lots of fun whilst learning.

#### **Staff/Luchd-obrach**

We would like to welcome Carol Johnston to our team and a great big welcome back to Mrs Cain. Carol will be covering maternity leave. As some of you may or may not be aware Rosemary is still off and at the moment we are unable to tell you when she will be returning. However we are lucky enough to still have Gemma who will be covering for Rosemary. Siobhan and Emma are both on maternity leave and we have Pasi and Carol covering for them. Congratulations Emma on the birth of Lucas! So as it stands at the moment the staff for the morning will be Carol and Gemma in English and Anne and Hayley in Gaelic. For the afternoon, as numbers are lower for this period we are going to run with two members of staff which will be Carol and Pasi until Rosemary returns or we have more registrations. This leaves us still within the ratio of 1 adult: 10 children.

#### **Snack/Greimeag**



We offer a healthy snack each day. Snack is £2 a week (40p a day) which is to be paid at the beginning of the week or the first day that your child attends. This goes towards the cost of snack and any little extra resources. If you wish to pay more than one week at a time then that is fine. Snack money requires to be paid whether your child attends or not unless you can tell us in advance that your child is absent as the staff order snack in advance. If there are any problems regarding this then please speak to a member of staff.

#### **Clothing/Aodach**



Please ensure that your child comes appropriately dressed for nursery. There are aprons for the children to use when doing messy play but sometimes clothes still get dirty. We would also like to remind you to ensure your child's name is on their jumpers, cardigans, jackets and shoes as it is very difficult to determine who they belong to otherwise. We ask that your child brings another pair of shoes e.g. sand shoes that they can change into when they are in nursery as this helps to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. We aim to go outside in all kinds of weather, so please provide your child with a suitable jacket and shoes. We will inform you of any outings that we plan to take the children on.

## **Library/Leabharlann**



Each child will be provided with a library bag which they will use to borrow books. Your child will get to choose a book from our library each Wednesday and take it home for a week where we hope that you can enjoy reading together. Literacy is a big focus for Early Level especially through nursery rhymes and songs.

## **My Learning Journey/An Turas Ionnsachaidh Agam**

Each child has their own folder which your child's keyworker will keep up to date. You will find your child's keyworker on the nursery door, either in the form of a list or photos. Their personal folder is there to be shared with you at all times. We will be using the Argyll and Bute Developmental Milestone toolkit this year as a form of assessment. We are in the process of deciding on the best way to record your children's progress and learning and will inform you of this when a decision has been made. At the moment any observations will be taken in the form of photographs and comments from the children and staff.

## **Nursery Rooms/Seomar Gaihlìg agus Beurla/Trays**

Gaelic and English use separate rooms within the nursery and have their own slot in the outdoor area. There is also the "Welcome Room" which is used daily for registration and goodbyes. Each child has their own tray which we ask that you check on a daily basis along with the parent notice boards.

## **Childsmile**

At Rockfield and Sgoil-Araich we take part in the Childsmile programme. With your consent, children are issued with their own toothbrush and brush their teeth during the session. We receive regular visits from the childsmile team.

## **Gym/Music/Spors/Ceol**

All children will have gym every Friday. Please ensure children are wearing loose clothing and suitable shoes on this day. The children will also attend music with Mrs Garvin on a Tuesday in the school music room.

## **Website/Larach-lìn**

Please remember that we have a website where you will find information and photographs of what we have been doing at nursery –[www.rockfieldprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.rockfieldprimaryschool.co.uk).

## **Star of the Week/Rionnag dhe'n an seachdain**

Each day the children will receive a happy bug if they have been following all the nursery rules and at the end of the week one of the children will receive star of the week. We have noticed that the children really enjoy and engage with this. If you have any questions or concerns with this then please speak to any member of staff.

It's important for the children to arrive at nursery on time so that they do not miss out on any learning. The morning session starts at 8.45am until 11.55am and the afternoon session is 12.15pm until 3.25pm.

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*If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our nursery please let us know, we would love to hear from you and welcome any participation. Remember to look at the "Parent Notices" on what we are doing each week. You will see which topics we are doing, how you can help and what the children have had for snack.*