



Danderhall ELC Newsletter

Welcome back

Danderhall ELC team would like to start this newsletter by welcoming back all the children returning to the setting after the summer. The children have all settled back in well and we are so happy to see all their smiling faces. The children have adapted really well to the new way the setting is now operating with the two separate cohorts within each room. The children have been exploring the new layout and have been excited to see their friends again and building new friendships.

Welcoming new children to the setting!



Over the last few weeks we have had lots of fun welcoming new children and their families to the setting. All the children have settled really well and have been building some great friendships and getting to know all the staff team. The children have had fun exploring the different activities we offer within the setting and the ELC team have all enjoyed getting to know all the new children and families and supporting them in the settling in process.

Weather

As we are now in the autumn term and winter is just around the corner please could we ask that you provide your child with a waterproof coat and wellies.

The setting will provide waterproof trousers for each child which will be labelled and left on the child's peg for their use only.

Throughout the setting the children have the choice to go outside at any point and in all-weather so we need to be prepared.



Useful information

As the drop off and collection timings have changed this year here is a little reminder:

GRASSHOPPERS and BEES MON - THURS 8:30-3:10, FRI 8:30-11:50

LADYBIRDS and BUTTERFLIES MON-THURS 8:40-3:20, FRI 8:40-12.00

If you require to collect your child for any reason please call ahead on 0131 271 4585 so we can ensure your child is ready when you arrive as parents are not permitted in the nursery garden when the children are using it.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 18th & Monday 21st September - Autumn Holiday
- Friday 16th to Monday 26th October - mid-term break
- Monday 26th - Inservice - Pupils should NOT attend
- Term ends 22nd December - Christmas



Labelling

Please can we ask that you put your child's name clearly on all their belongings e.g. clothes, drinks bottles etc. This will ensure that items found around the setting can be reunited with their owner.

COVID update

Due to the current pandemic we have been following Midlothian guidelines on the best and safest way for the children to attend the setting. As you are all aware each Room has 2 cohorts with their own designated play space. We have been encouraging the children to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the building. We have also been supporting the children in washing their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. Additional cleaning measures are in place. Within the ELC garden there are blue lines on the floor to support social distancing of 2 metres for when you are dropping off and collecting your child; we ask that whilst you are in the school grounds you follow these marking. We really appreciate it.

In supporting the reduction of germs we are asking all parent/carers to please bring in a refillable water bottle for your child that is clearly labelled and can be used in the setting.

Thank you for all your support during this time.
If you have any questions or queries please ask to speak to a member of the ELC team and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Thanks
ELC team