

Inchlair Nursery School

Aims

Inchlair Nursery staff aim to deliver a quality Early Years service as laid out in Falkirk Councils " Learning To Achieve " document.

Our Vision is to ensure that every child has an enjoyable and fulfilling life in a nurturing healthy and safe environment. Staff will encourage children to achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution to society.

Inchlair Nursery School Aims are to

1. Provide a safe, stimulating environment, in which children can feel happy and secure. The values of **Wisdom, Justice, Compassion and Integrity** will be adopted and fostered by all staff, pupils, parents and carers.
2. Encourage the emotional, social, physical, creative and intellectual development of children. As identified in A Curriculum for Excellence children will be encouraged to become **Successful learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens.**
3. As a Health Promoting School, staff will promote the health and welfare of all staff and children in a positive and inclusive environment. They will make every effort to ensure good health for all through strategies which promote physical and mental well being and self esteem.
4. Encourage positive attitudes to self and respect for others. Develop confidence and self - esteem. We will extend the children's abilities to communicate ideas and feelings in a variety of ways. Falkirk Framework for Behaviour management will be used to develop positive behaviour strategies.
5. Through well planned learning and teaching opportunities staff will provide high quality stimulating and creative play experiences which allow children to develop positive attitudes to learning. Each staff member will have personal responsibility for developing a specific area of the curriculum and sharing this initiative with pupils, parents and carers.
6. As part of the ECO School programme staff will encourage children to actively explore, appreciate and respect their environment.
7. To promote partnership with Parents acknowledging them as the prime educators of the child.
8. Work together with the Integrated Learning Community and Children's Services Team to provide Family Support. This should give every child the benefits of a safe, secure environment to live and learn in.
9. Create close links with local schools and support agencies in order to provide the best possible service for pupils.

Parents and children were consulted on these aims June 08

Review date - June 09

Inchlair Nursery provides 80 AM and 80 PM places with a limited number of extended day places available from 8.45 - 3.30p.m. for working parents.



Standards and Quality Report Session 2007/08

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you probably know, each year the Government and the Council publish information designed to show how well schools and local authorities are improving year on year.

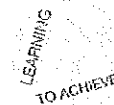
We in Inchlair Nursery School also like to keep our parents and the local community informed of the work we are doing with children. This leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for session 2007/08.

Inside, you will find a brief description of the main things we achieved last session and, building upon these, our priorities for next session. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year, we have focused on what we consider to be the six most important areas.

I hope you find the leaflet helpful. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to phone the school office for an appointment. I will be pleased to offer clarification.

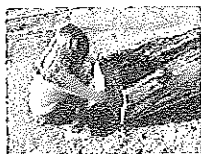
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What we achieved in 2007/2008...

- We increased our use of I.C.T. resources both inside and out. Children have had opportunity to use programmable toys such as Beebots, Robots and Lego cars. Photos of daily activities are made available on the Smartboard. Children use every opportunity to develop their I.C.T. skills.
- We had a joint inspection by H.M.I.E. and Care Commission in October 2007. Our provision was found to be Very Good in all areas. Credit for this goes to the hard work of our Nursery Team.
- Our planning was reviewed and updated in 2007. Staff update planning regularly. This was viewed as Very Good by H.M.I.E. Parents can view our monthly plan on the Planning wall in the centre of the nursery. Parents and children are encouraged to be involved with their child's learning.
- We promote positive behaviour by making each child a Star Pupil. Every child will have the opportunity to have their photograph on the Golden Wall at some time during the term. We proudly display the children's achievements both at Home and at School.
- Staff work together to provide I.E.P.'s for children with Additional Support Needs. This gives clear targets for each child. I.E.P.'s are reviewed regularly with Parents.
- Speech and Language Therapists have provided regular support to the children over the past session. Early Years Officers in consultation with S.A.L. Therapists have run weekly Narrative groups where children can develop their communication and language skills. This has benefited many pupils.
- Inchlair Nursery School continues to be a Health Promoting School. Children benefit from Healthy snacks and daily physical exercise. We are working very hard towards achieving our ECO Schools Green Flag. Staff, parents and children all help towards this. We have improved our efforts to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. We have started growing plants in our new raised beds and Recycled Bottle greenhouse.
- Our monthly drop in by Health Visitors gives parents a chance to discuss any health issues in a relaxed manner over a cup of tea.



Our Priorities for 2008/2009

- In order to provide A Curriculum for Excellence (A.C.E.) for all our pupils we intend to improve Transition arrangements from home to school and school to school. Through Home visits and closer consultation we will continue to build stronger links with home and other educational establishments. In order to improve every child's learning experiences Parents will be involved in this every step of the way.
- We will involve children more in planning activities to extend their learning. Child consultation will be more actively used to improve planning. Children will work together with their Early Years Officers (E.Y.O.'s) to create Mind Maps and Floor Books to identify WHAT and HOW they will be learning. Children will PLAN, DO the REVIEW their activities.
- Falkirk Council is committed to ACTIVE LEARNING in Early Years. We intend to work together with Parents to identify the benefits of this kind of learning. Children will use a more hands on approach to learning. As the Chinese proverb says

"Tell me and I forget, Show me and I remember".
"Let me do it and I understand".
- Each school in Scotland is on a Journey to EXCELLENCE. We want to create a Common Vision with all service users which gives children opportunities to develop their skills and attitudes to the highest level.
- In Inchlair our main focus will continue to be to improve literacy and numeracy for all pupils.
- We will continue to teach French to our Pre-School children. We will further develop the Vygotsky "Thinking Skills" programme giving children time and space to think creatively.
- We will teach children about a Healthy Active Lifestyle and include Motor Skills activities in this.
- We will continue to develop and improve our Nursery Environment in order to achieve our ECO Schools Green Flag.