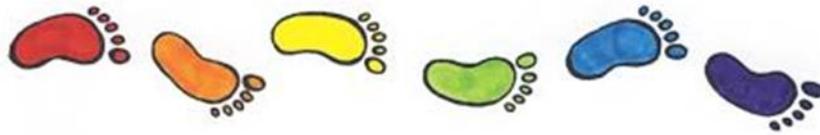


Welcome to Deshar Primary School Nursery 2020-2021



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Nursery

We want you and your child to enjoy Nursery.

If you have any worries or queries, please telephone or
come and talk to one of the nursery staff.

The telephone number for Deshar Primary School and Nursery is

01479 831226

Deshar Primary School Nursery Team

Head Teacher Rhona Bootle

Principal Teacher Adele Law

Early Years Practitioner Jill Hockham

Early Years Practitioner Pam Rattray

The Nursery session

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9.00am. - 12.00 noon

Wednesday 9.00am-1pm

Please access the nursery using the entrance door at the back of the school.

For special events we may have afternoon nursery. We will give as much notice as possible on these occasions.

We regularly visit Abernethy Primary School Nursery and occasionally visit Carrbridge and Grantown Primary School Nurseries.

At Deshar Primary School Nursery

We aim to:

- to be a happy, safe, secure and nurturing nursery
- to promote a positive ethos of achievement by celebrating success
- to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum promoting active and collaborative learning
- to create a partnership between nursery, school, parents and the wider community to enhance the quality of children's learning
- to encourage children to play an active role in the life and work of the nursery enabling each child to develop the skills to achieve their full potential
- to provide quality feedback to all partners to inform next steps in the learner's journey
- to develop citizenship and awareness of the Global Goals through the promotion of wellbeing, equality, respect for others and the environment
- to provide a fun and enjoyable learning experience for all learners making use of the outdoors

If your child is unwell.

If your child is unable to attend nursery, please telephone **01479 831226**

If your child is unwell at nursery and we are unable to get in touch with you, we will then phone your emergency contacts. (Please keep us informed of any change of address, telephone numbers and emergency contacts.)

Parents are asked not to bring into nursery any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours since the last attack.

Is your child up to date with vaccinations?

We have been asked to remind parents that children may come into contact with infections at nursery, so it is important to ensure that they have an up to date vaccination record. If your child has missed a vaccination please contact your GP or Health Visitor for further advice.

Safety

Please sign the home time record on the notice board and tell staff if someone different from usual is going to collect your child. If, in exceptional circumstances your child has to be collected by someone he/she doesn't know, please telephone the school to inform us.

Encourage your child to say goodbye to staff so that we know children are safely on their way home. No child should be outside the building unless supervised by an adult.

Deshar Primary School Nursery follows Highland Council Guidelines on Child Protection and has a Child Protection Policy.

Children who will be starting school in August have the opportunity to take part in three "**Safe, Strong and Free**" workshops led by a Safe, Strong and Free project worker. Each workshop has a different theme and tries to give children strategies to cope with difficult situations. The children's workshops are preceded by a parents' workshop which outlines the issues raised.

Clothing

Please provide your child with a change of shoes. **Gym shoes are ideal for nursery.** Please name them and they may be left in a bag on your child's peg. Spare clothing is a good idea, in case of any accidents. These too may be left at nursery. We go outside every day so it is essential that children have a waterproof jacket, jumper or cardigan and suitable shoes for running around.

Going to the Toilet

Going to the toilet can be a worrying experience for young children. Please let us know if your child needs assistance or has concerns at any time.

For any child who is not toilet trained, we will discuss arrangements for nappy changing with parents.

Snack

Deshar Primary is a Health Promoting School. We provide a variety of fruit and milk daily. Included in topics we occasionally include foods from around the world. Children are encouraged to try different fruit/vegetables.

The children lay the table, pour their own drink and sometimes help prepare the fruit/vegetables.

Please inform staff of any food allergies, parental preferences and particular dislikes.

Tooth Brushing

Once the children are settled into nursery, they will be encouraged to brush their teeth every day after snack. Tooth brushes and toothpaste are provided.

A dental hygienist visits the children during the year.

Transition to School

The nursery is located within the school, so children get to know other school staff and older children very easily. Nursery children share the toilets with primary children and use the rest of the school, including the school staff room (for snack).

The nursery usually joins the rest of the school for the Christmas party and takes part in whole school events and performances where appropriate.

Buddies

In the summer term, Primary Six visit the nursery regularly to play with the children, keep an eye on them in the playground, and support them at Sports Day.

Children who will be going to school in August, go out to main school playtime regularly during the summer term, partly to get used to having a small snack outside while they play.

Partnership with Parents

We like to involve parents in nursery life. We always welcome any skill or interest you could share with us. We value help with particular projects and initiatives.

Nursery Cluster

Deshar is part of a nursery cluster with Abernethy, Grantown and Carrbridge Primary School Nurseries and Grantown Play Group. We often share resources and ideas and visit one another when the opportunity arises.

Working together: Statement for Parents

All pre-school education centres work closely with NHS Highland and other agencies so that the resources and information we have will bring the most benefit to families. The aim is to ensure we have the right services for your child at the right time.

Early Education services and NHS Highland collaborate to plan services and offer interventions, such as the Childsmile Oral Health Programme and the Pre-school Vision Screening Programme. To assist the administration of these programmes, we confirm your child's name, date of birth and address to NHS Highland.

We have a Link Health Visitor, who visits the centre at least once a term. Their main role is to offer advice on children's health and development. They will also liaise with your own Family Health visitor if necessary.

Our named Link Health Visitor is [CHRISTINE MACKINNON](#) and she can be contacted on:

Tel no: 01479 813403

You will be asked to complete a personal care plan for early learning and childcare setting when your child starts at nursery. This enables staff to get a rounded picture of your child and means you won't keep being asked for the same information by different people. If your child's immediate safety or welfare is at risk, information may legally be shared without your consent.

Keeping in touch

We are always happy to talk with you about how your child is getting on. On a day to day basis we will let you know of any achievements or small concerns.

If at any time you feel you need information about your child, please ask. We do take a note of things the children particularly like, dislike, manage well, or struggle with. We try to make our records factual and objective.

We like to meet with parents for a consultation during the year.

Parents are welcome to see the National Care and Health Standards and Nursery policies. Nursery plans are displayed on the notice board outside the nursery.

School Closures

In severe weather we will inform you of special arrangements.

Phone the Highland Council Snow Information Line.

0870 054 6999

and enter Deshar's own pin number **04 1860**

Listen to Moray Firth Radio or BBC Radio Highland to find out about school closures.

In the event of an emergency, the nursery will follow the procedures set out in the school emergency evacuation plan, a copy of which may be seen on the notice board.

Comments and Complaints

We hope you will enjoy your child's time at our nursery and we welcome comments and suggestions.

We are aware that difficulties can occur. For day to day concerns or queries, please speak to the person in charge at the beginning or end of a session. If there is a problem, please ask to see a member of staff in private. If the matter cannot be resolved, or you feel unable to speak to nursery staff, please make an appointment to see the Principal Teacher, Adele Law.

All nurseries follow regulations set by the Care Inspectorate. If you wish to discuss a complaint with them, the local address is displayed on the notice board.

We hope you have found this booklet useful. If you would like to know anything else, please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff.

We all enjoy learning through play at, **Deshar Primary School Nursery**