

Wentworth
Nursery School & Children's Centre
Granard House

A brief guide to.....

Stay and Play

Children's Rights:

- To love and be loved
- To be safe
- To be clean, healthy and warm
- To have healthy food
- To learn new things
- To learn right from wrong
- To enjoy life



Stay and Play & Tiny Tots Time are 2 hour sessions of indoor and outdoor play, snack-, song- and storytime.

Stay and Play is an opportunity for children to:

- play and learn in a safe and stimulating environment
- meet and play with other children and adults
- get ready for school

Stay and Play is an opportunity for parents and carers to:

- introduce a different play and learning environment to their children and by so enhancing their development
- meet other local parents and carers
- share experiences

Stay and Play structure*:

- Outdoor and indoor play (9.30am & 1pm)
- Tidy-up time and washing hands (11am & 2.30pm)
- Snack time, song/story time (11.05am & 2.35pm)
- Home time (11.30am & 3pm)

**times and structure may change a little from time to time.*

It's important to come early to give your child(ren) enough time to play and in that way avoid challenging behaviour when we get ready to sit down for snack and song/story time.

There is no entry after:

- 10.45am – morning session
- 2.15pm—afternoon session

We recognise that dads, mums and carers want the best for their children. We know that bringing up a young family can be positive and rewarding experience, however we also know that it can be stressful and demanding. Staff are always happy to discuss ways to manage challenging behaviour and other concerns you may have. Don't be shy to speak to them.

Safeguarding children:

Although we value our relationships with parents/carers, the protection of children takes precedence over all other issues. All our staff have been trained to be alert to any possible signs of child abuse. If they have any concerns, they must share them with the appropriate member of the senior leadership team.

If you have any questions on this subject, please see the centre manager, the headteacher or the deputyhead at the nursery school site.

Dos and don'ts

We:-

- respect each other at all times,
- support and help each other,
- look after and play with the children we bring to the centre (if you need support then speak to the staff and they will try to support you as much as they can),
- help tidy up after each session,
- keep the food and drinks at the table during snack time,
- stay with our child/ren during circle time,
- do good sitting, looking and listening during circle time,
- take part during circle time, it's so much more fun!
- remain at the centre during the drop-in,
- leave early if our little one is finding it hard to take part, it's ok,
- keep our valuables safe. The centre will not accept liability for theft.



We do not:-

- do anything that may harm ourselves,
- do anything that may harm others, (including smacking, swearing, shouting, inappropriate language and behaviour, humiliation)
- do anything that may damage the property of others,
- use our mobile phones for calls, texting, browsing while at the centre,
- take private photos,
- bring food, drinks, sweets/crisps or chewing gum,
- bring toys from home,
- play during snack and circle time,
- bring children to play if they are too ill (to go to school),
- smoke in or around the centre.

For health and safety reasons we have a limit to the number of children and adults that can attend each session.

Once we have reached the limit the receptionist will put up a sign on the front door notifying that we are 'full'.

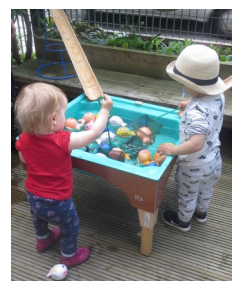
This means no more families can attend that particular session and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

If your child is in a buggy/pram and awake when you arrive, the reception staff will ask you to store the buggy/pram in the buggy store.

We have a few locks to lock the buggies in the store, but cannot guarantee to have one for everybody and therefore ask you bring your own.

Children's Centres provide support for families through a wide range of weekly activities including:

- Family support
- Stay and Play sessions
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Parenting courses/workshops
- Parenting advice
- Baby massage
- Rhyme time
- Music sessions
- Cooking sessions
- Ante & Post Natal Support
- Development checks
- Welfare Advice
- Family Learning
- Adult Learning
- Employment & Training advice
- and much more



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