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DIRECTORS NEWS

Hello and firstly I would like to say hello and a big thank you for making my start so smooth and nice, it has been such a pleasure getting to know all of you and your beautiful children, they are all such wonderful children. I would also like to say that I appreciate all your patience as I adjust to the new role and ask that if you have any problems please do come and see me about them.

I do also want to let you know about all the changes we are having in regards to staff working in rooms, Shannon is now the Group Leader in the Nursery Room with Chantel as her Assistant. In Toddlers we have Mel and Emily, in Junior Kindy we have Christie and in School Readiness we have Yolanda. All of the girls are doing marvellous jobs with all the

children and I appreciate your patience while we have been moving around abit.

HAND SANITIZER

As we are in the middle of the swine flu pandemic I would please ask parents to continue to use the hand sanitizer located in the office by the door, as we are taking all precautions against this to ensure we do not have any cases of it in the Centre and also to prevent any germs in general, thank you.

I would also like to remind parents to please pay their fees as stated in the Parent Handbook accounts need to be paid two weeks in advanced, unless you are on Direct Debit and in that case the Paygate Direct Debit system we have in place will read how much you are

owing for your Childcare fees and Direct Debit that amount, You can avoid having any money taken from your account by paying the Centre using EFTPOS and keeping your account in credit. If your account is continuously in credit the Paygate system will take NO MONEY from your account. If you have any questions about any of this please come and talk to Yolanda or myself.

In such cold weather I would also like to please encourage children to have jumpers and shoes on them in the mornings when they arrive or in their bags and to have their hats on them or in their bags, thank you. We are looking at the Appropriate Clothing Policy as well in the next few weeks. Please read and make suggestions to improve the policy.

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Students may also be eligible for Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA), which provides assistance with the cost of approved childcare

We are also looking at how we can better our Centre to best meet the needs for you, so we would appreciate any feedback you have on the rooms and the programming for your child.

Thank you for all your help and please do not hesitate to come and see myself if you have any concerns or worries.

Thank you Sarah

NURSERY NEWS

Nursery would like to welcome all the new families to the room and say a big hello to Christopher and Leearnah. This month we are brightening up the room with fun and colourful artwork. In the next month we will be doing lots of fun activities that concentrate on gross motor skills as children are either learning to crawl or walk.

I would also like to ask if all parents could please bring in a family photo to take part in our family tree.

If you have any questions please come and see Sarah or myself.

Thank you Shannon

TODDLER'S NEWS

We have been very busy in our room. We have been enhancing all developmental areas such as, social skills, fine motor skills, gross motor

skills, cognitive skills and our language skills.

With our social skills we are learning small words like "Ta "and "Stop". We have been learning different types of drawings like crayon and pencil drawings in our fine motor skills, which has been lots of fun and we have been creating some great pictures. We have also been concentrating on our hand washing skills and toileting skills which we are all doing very well with, well done toddlers!!

We would also like to thank Miss Emily for all the hard work she has done for the toddlers in the room!!

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact Sarah or myself
Thanks Mel

JUNIOR KINDY

I would firstly like to introduce myself as the new Group Leader in the Junior Kindy Room. I am very excited to be working with you and your children over the next few months. Miss Amy has done a wonderful job decorating the room and I hope to keep this up by continuing to do more interesting and fun art work masterpieces to display in the room. Could I also remind all parents to bring in a named hat for their children and warm bed sheets for rest time over the cool winter months. As the Junior Kindy Group Leader I will be focusing on

toilet training for all the children so it would be a great help if you could supply training pants or underwear along with an ample amount of clothes to cater for this transition. Toilet training works best when it is in constant routine, so with your help at home your child can learn this important self help skill with confidence and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to see Sarah or myself

Thanks Christie
School Readiness

SCHOOL READINESS ROOM

Hi everyone I am Miss Yolanda and I am very happy to be back in the School Readiness Room. I want to give a special welcome to Israel, who is new to the group.

For the next month or so we are looking at creating a lot of new art work for the room. We are also going to do some more science projects and starting to write our names before we go off to school next year.

Can we all please remember to bring a hat and a water bottle and some nice warm clothes for the cold weather. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sarah or myself

Thanks Yolanda

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING POLICY

Children are encouraged to be dressed appropriately and safely for the experiences they will have during their busy day. There are many things to take into account when considering whether a child is appropriately clothed. These include:

- * Climate – If it is cool, the children are to wear items such as long pants, shoes and socks and jumpers. If hot, remove items of warm clothing and shoes – avoid leaving children in singlet shirts and “strappy” dresses to protect them from the sun.
- * Culture – Always remember the wishes of the family, and the child themselves and adhere to this as best as possible where safe and appropriate.
- * Research – QCCS encourages everyone to recognise the benefits of barefooted play for children’s safety, growth and the development of sensory awareness. Shoes can also be a hazard in outdoor play areas. Nerve endings in the feet can sense the variety of textures. Bare feet can grip climbing equipment and promote more effective balance and control (eg; music and movement sessions or climbing).
- * Environment – When outside children are to wear hats and preferably shirts/dresses that cover shoulders and back areas. Hats are preferably legionnaire design so they cover the ears and neck area.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current policy Yes No

Suggestions: _____

ADMINISTRATION OF PARACETAMOL IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

In the event of a child becoming ill during the day, staff will take the child's temperature. This will be recorded on the child Illness Observation Form. If the thermometer registers 38°C or higher, the Centre Director or Assistant Director will administer one age and weight appropriate dose of colour free Panadol, if the following conditions have been met:

- The Centre has written consent from the parent to administer Panadol in an emergency situation.
- Staff have attempted to contact the parents and / or the emergency contacts for additional verbal approval; and
- The child has been at the Centre for longer than 4 hours.

An ill child requiring Panadol is to be kept resting until the parent or emergency contact arrives to collect them. This collection is to occur as soon as is physically possible as temperatures may be indicative of further infections. A medication form is to be completed by the administering staff member, witnessed by another, and it is to be signed by the collecting parent or emergency contact. If the temperature again rises over 38°C, before the child is collected, the Centre Director or Assistant Director will call the ambulance and the child will be transported to the nearest hospital

Panadol that is supplied by the Centre, has been purchased from a chemist and is stored in the Centre's medication section of the kitchen refrigerator.

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Yes

No

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