



# CAMBUSBARRON VILLAGE NURSERY

## Our Service

We provide high quality early learning experiences for children from 2½ to school age. We operate in partnership with Stirling Council to offer fully funded (free) places to eligible\* children. We welcome younger children on a fee paying basis. We place a high value on the benefits of outdoor learning particularly on learning in a natural environment and provide regular Woodland Play Session held in the local woodlands.

We offer 6 hour sessions between 0845-1515 Monday-Friday during school term times.

\* Eligibility criteria can be found in Stirling Council's Nursery Admissions and Charging Policy.

## We are a Community Interest Company

We are a nonprofit making organisation and any surplus is invested back into our service for the benefit of our community.

## Contact Us :

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## Welcome to and Welcome Back to Nursery!

We are delighted to be back at nursery and to see our children after the summer break. We hope you all enjoyed the lovely summer weather and perhaps even managed to get a summer break.

I am sure you are all aware that COVID still presents a significant threat and that our infection control measures remain in place. Please ensure that you :

- DO NOT come to nursery if you or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms
- follow the one way system through the building (exit to the rear of the centre)
- use the hand sanitiser provided
- wear face coverings when inside the building
- maintain appropriate distance from other adults

## SeeSaw

We will be recording children's activities and learning on the SeeSaw app again this year. All parents should have received an invite to join this service - please let me know if you haven't received one. This will also be the main way of communicating with parents this year.



## Lunches



CVN lunches are provided by the Stirling Council school catering service and delivered daily to us. We are pleased that, after a year of sandwiches, hot lunches are back on the menu (available on our website). We encourage children to choose their own lunches daily. On woodland play days we have packed lunch of soup, sandwiches and fruit delivered to our site in the woods.

## Staff

I am delighted to say that Jen has now completed her Forest Leader Level 6 qualification. This is a great achievement and we are proud of her hard work in completing this award.

We are delighted to welcome 2 new volunteers to our service. Sara will be working with us on woodland play sessions as she works towards completing her Forest Leader Level 6 qualification. Leah is undertaking some work experience before continuing her further education.

## Contacting Us

Please remember to let us know if your child will be absent from nursery, either phone us on 01786 430497 or email [jane@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com](mailto:jane@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com) or [admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com](mailto:admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com). We also can receive messages via SeeSaw.

We use WhatsApp to keep you updated with any last minute change of plans on woodland play days. If you have not provided us with contact details or do not have access to WhatsApp please let a member of staff know. Please be aware that we do not check WhatsApp regularly and important messages should be sent via email or SeeSaw. Similarly, please do not use Facebook messenger to contact us as it is not checked regularly and we do not want to miss important messages.

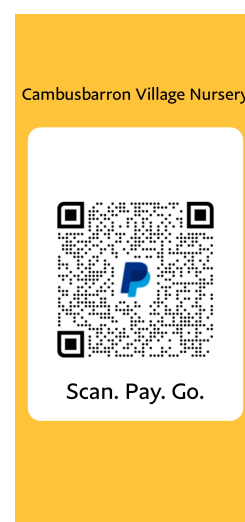


## Childsmile

All children now have their own toothbrush in nursery and will be encouraged to brush their teeth daily after lunch. Toothbrushing is carried out in line with current Childsmile and COVID guidance.

## Fundraising

As a Community Interest Company and small village organisation we aim to keep our costs low. Our only sources of income are parent fees and funding for eligible children and we rely on these to cover our core costs of rent and staff salaries. Unfortunately these do not cover the extras needed to operate our service, smaller extras such as paint, paper, ink and the larger extras such as the puddle suits and ruck sacks which are necessary items of equipment to support our woodland play sessions. We appreciate contributions from parents and families to help cover these additional costs. It's very easy to send us money via PayPal, simply scan this QR code.

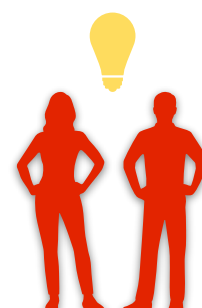


## Woodland Play

We intend to maximise our time in the woods, visiting at least twice weekly so that all of our children have the opportunity to benefit from these immersive experiences. All of our woodland sessions will take place during standard nursery hours and will start and end at the Community Centre. Each child has their own rucksack and will be responsible for carrying their own belongings to and from the woods. As our woodland play sessions are often wet and muddy a change of clothes is essential. It would be helpful for children to have a set of spare clothes to keep in their rucksack to change when necessary.

## Woodland Play Development

Most of you will be aware that we have plans to develop our service and move into an area of Gillies Hill Community Woodland where we plan to build a new nursery building. We are currently in discussion with an firm of architects and working with them to establish the next stages of this exciting project. This is a very



exciting time for us all at CVN and we would welcome any feedback and/or suggestions on this project.

### ***Small Business Blast-Off competition***

We are delighted to announce that Cambusbarron Village Nursery has come 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recent Gumtree Small Business BlastOff competition. The judging panel feedback on our service included

*"Ethical, sustainable, community at heart"*

*"more nature based content into the learning and child play is an extra bonus"*

*"Fresh approach to learning and education"*



### ***Dates for your Diary***

We follow the [Stirling Council School term pattern](#).

October holiday: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas holiday: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

February break: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> are staff development days)

Easter holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

May weekend: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (29<sup>th</sup> staff development)

Summer holidays starts: Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Kind regards

*Jane*