



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.

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Care Inspection Report

We were recently the subject of an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate, the official body which monitors quality of provision in the Daycare of Children sector. We are delighted to announce that we received ratings of Very Good (5) across the board. We were told this was an "outstanding" achievement and one which we are not only delighted but very proud. In discussion with officers from the local authority and the Care Inspectorate we have learned that there is only one service in the whole of the country which has been rated higher since the onset of COVID.

The full report can be read on the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

Woodland Play Sessions



We are continuing to spend as much time in the woods as we can and we can see children's confidence and stamina and general physical skills increasing through these sessions. We have particularly enjoyed the new woodland furniture currently located in our woodland site. We have harvested most of the vegetables grown in our plot in the Walled Garden and, over the next few weeks, we will be clearing the plots and preparing them for winter.

With the change in season the woods have become significantly more muddy as I'm sure you are aware. In order for children to be able to

explore the full potential of the woods as an enjoyable play learning environment it is important that they have the right clothing for the conditions. While we have waterproof puddle suits it is also important for children to have plenty of warm layers on underneath. Please make sure children always have spare clothing available (and more than one set would be preferable). We would also ask that nursery clothing is returned to us as we are running short of emergency changes.

For more information on recommended clothing please see our [Woodland Play Handbook](#)





A video showing recommended layers for winter sessions is available [here](#).



Dark Woods



We are planning a dark woods session on Friday November 5th (time TBC but around 5pm expected). Previous Dark Woods sessions have been very popular and children have enjoyed experiencing the familiar environment in very different circumstances. Please keep the date free and come and join us for some soup and other tasty bites cooked over the open fire. All are welcome.



Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce that Lynda has now completed her SVQ3 Social Services (Children and Young People) and is now fully qualified as an Early Years Educator. In the spirit lifelong learning Lynda has already begun to further her professional development and has started her Forest Leader (level 6) training.

In an update to last month's newsletter we are pleased to have 3 volunteers working with us. Sara is completing her Forest Leader training with us and will be coming along to most of our woodland play sessions between now and Christmas. Leah and Ella are undertaking work experience and will be with us on Thursdays (Ella) and Fridays (Leah). The children have already enjoyed finding out all about these new friends 😊

Soup Share

Following on from the success of the Gala Afternoon Teas we delivered around the village in June we plan to host a Soup Share and invite some of the older members of the community along to join us for a soup lunch on December 1st and 2nd. If anyone would like to be involved please get in touch.



HeartStart Training

There will be a free training session in the Community Centre covering the use of the Automated External Defibrillator along with other first aid measures. If you would be interested in attending such a session please contact Angela Samson, Wellbeing Coordinator (07977 342 022) or email defib@ccdt.org.uk.



HEARTSTART

Nursery Photos



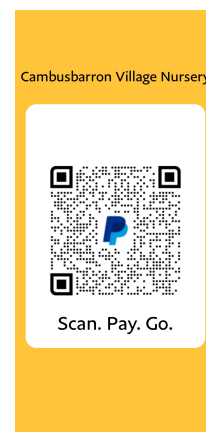
We are looking to take photos of children during nursery sessions and make these available to parents at a small cost. These could be taken during normal nursery sessions or, if there is demand, at a organised session when siblings could also join in. Plans are for these to be natural photos rather than more traditional posed indoor shots. If you would be interested in these for, say, Christmas presents please let us know. We could provide printed photos or photos in digital format to allow you to print as and when you want. We are also hoping to get a photo of all of our

children together but, obviously, this will depend on managing to get everyone together on one day! Please let us know your thoughts, particularly if you would prefer an organised photo session and whether you would want digital or printed format. Please indicate your preferences [here](#) (this will also be available on SeeSaw)

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.

If anyone would be interested in helping us with planning and developing fundraising ideas please get in touch.



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.

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 or 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.

Dates for your Diary

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

October holiday: Monday 11th - Friday 15th October

Planned Woodland Play Session dates (note that these are subject to change):

Tuesday Oct 19th, Thursday Oct 21st, Wednesday Oct 27th, Friday Oct 29th.

Tuesday Nov 2nd, Thursday Nov 4th, Wednesday Nov 10th, Friday Nov 12th, Tuesday Nov 16th, Thursday Nov 18th,
Wednesday Nov 24th, Friday Nov 26th, Tuesday Nov 30th

Friday Dec 3rd, Wednesday Dec 8th, Friday Dec 10th, Tuesday Dec 14th, Thursday Dec 16th

Dark Woods : Friday Nov 5th

Soup Share : Wednesday Dec 1st and Thursday Dec 2nd

Christmas holiday: Wednesday 22nd December - Tuesday 4th January 2022

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

Easter holiday: Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April

May weekend: Friday 29th April - Monday 2nd May (29th staff development)

Summer holidays starts: Monday June 27th

Kind regards

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