



Cambusbarron
Village Nursery

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

SUMMARY FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- 2022 / 2023 -



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STANDARDS & QUALITY REPORT

Each year we write a report to

- show the progress we've made in the previous year
- highlight our successes
- identify areas for improvement in the coming year.

This is a summary of the full Standards and Quality Report for parents and carers. The full report is available on our [website](#).

Key Achievements

On June 1st 2023, following a Validated Self-Evaluation visit (VSE) to CVN, the following key strengths within nursery were among those highlighted by the inspection team:

- All children are happy, confident and highly engaged in play and learning while outdoors in the woods.
- As a result of the setting's strong outdoor and community learning ethos, children are risk aware and resilient and extremely independent.
- Staff are extremely passionate and are highly skilled in improving life outcomes for children.
- The manager has a clear vision and aspirations for growing the business model to improve outcomes for children, families and community.

We are very proud of these strengths and will continue to develop them within our nursery.



The visit also highlighted some areas for improvement:

- Further streamline processes for planning and tracking and monitoring of learning.
- Develop quality assurance processes around observations and recording of learning.
- Develop a nurturing indoor environment.

We will take these forward to session 2023/2024.

CVN is a nurturing, inclusive setting with children that are thriving and flourishing. Their culture and ethos is tangible and as a result, children are learning skills for lifelong learning.

VSE Report



OUR IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

At the start of session 2022/2023 we chose 3 key improvement areas to focus on:

- Priority 1: Data stories will show children and families securing progress.
- Priority 2: CVN will continue to develop and adapt woodland play sessions while pursuing the development of the nursery in the woods.
- Priority 3: CVN will continue to develop their work within the community with a particular focus on building intergenerational relationships and supporting families in need.

Our Progress

PRIORITY 1

- Staff attended training events to improve confidence in effectively planning, tracking and monitoring children's learning needs.
- Data shows that all children are being supported and making appropriate progress.
- All records are now held in a secure digital format to facilitate access and recording of information.
- Staff attended training and reviewed the nursery environment to better support children's language and communication support needs.
- We achieved the Bronze award standard for our communication environment.

PRIORITY 2

- As a result of having regular access to woodland sessions and spending most of their days outside all children are developing life skills such as confidence, risk awareness and stamina.
- All children have access to appropriate resources and clothing to support their wellbeing and learning needs when outside.
- We commissioned an ecological survey of our woodland site to identify the different flora and fauna living there. The study confirmed there are no protected species on our site.
- We arranged for an update to our business plan and feasibility study to reflect current financial circumstances.

PRIORITY 3

- Our food share project has continued to benefit our families and community throughout the current financial crisis.
- We hosted a Christmas party with the Oasis group. Children exchanged gifts with their older friends and shared an afternoon tea of ice cream and jelly.
- Children and their parents learned vital life saving skills during First Aid courses we arranged.
- We helped to keep our community clean by taking part in a community litter pick.
- We engaged with our community by hosting a Soup Share event and attending the Warm Hub in the Church hall.
- We delivered some smiles around the village as part of our Random Acts of Kindness



OUR WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

- We changed our lunch provider and began making our own lunches to take to the woods
- We held an open day and invited members of the community to come along and see what we do.
- We held a Rag Bag and table top take away to promote reuse and recycling.
- We planted a fruit tree in the orchard in the walled garden to mark the coronation of King Charles III





Looking forward to Session 2023/2024

We have used data from a variety of sources such as child and parental feedback; our VSE report; professional reflection and judgement; local and national policy and guidance to determine our focus areas for improvement for session 2023/2024. Our priorities will be:

Priority 1:

All children will have improved outcomes as a result of effective and collaborative self-evaluation and quality assurance processes.

We will achieve this by:

- Implementing a robust QA calendar.
- Record data using Stirling Council's tracking and monitoring toolkit.
- Develop and make visible our planning for children's learning.

Priority 3:

All families understand the importance of engaging in and supporting their child's learning at home and in the setting, as a result children secure success through effective partnership working.

We will achieve this by:

- Building warm and reciprocal relationships with families.
- Ensuring all families feel invited to be involved in the life of CVN in what ever way suits their needs.
- Promoting and evidencing the benefits of play.

Priority 2:

All children's learning and developmental needs will be understood and met by an effective staff team.

We will achieve this by:

- Facilitating staff training.
- Developing a nurturing approach through our Nurture Ambassador.
- Review our lunch time provision.
- Develop our Nature Pedagogy.

As a funded provider of early learning and childcare we are required to evidence business and financial sustainability. We have therefore set an additional improvement priority to focus on the development of our service in Gillies Hill Community Woodland.

Priority 4:

We have an ambitious and challenging vision of how we want to develop our service to improve experiences and outcomes for children, families and the local community and to improve business sustainability.

We will do this by:

- Updating our Feasibility Study and Business Development Plan.
- Review our financial strategy and identify potential funding sources.
- Seek professional advice from architects, lawyers and sources such as The Care Inspectorate and voluntary sector advisors.
- Promote and deliver professional training courses.
- Build experience and capacity within the staff team.

Have any ideas for our project?

You can tell us [here!](#)



Scan Me

"Thank you for your patience, your care and dedication"

Parent

"Oh, the woods, they're amazing!"

Child

"I love your ethos and small acts of kindness"

Parent

"I have such admiration for all the hard work you all do"

Volunteer

"I like to jump in puddles"

Child



We welcome any feedback on this report.

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