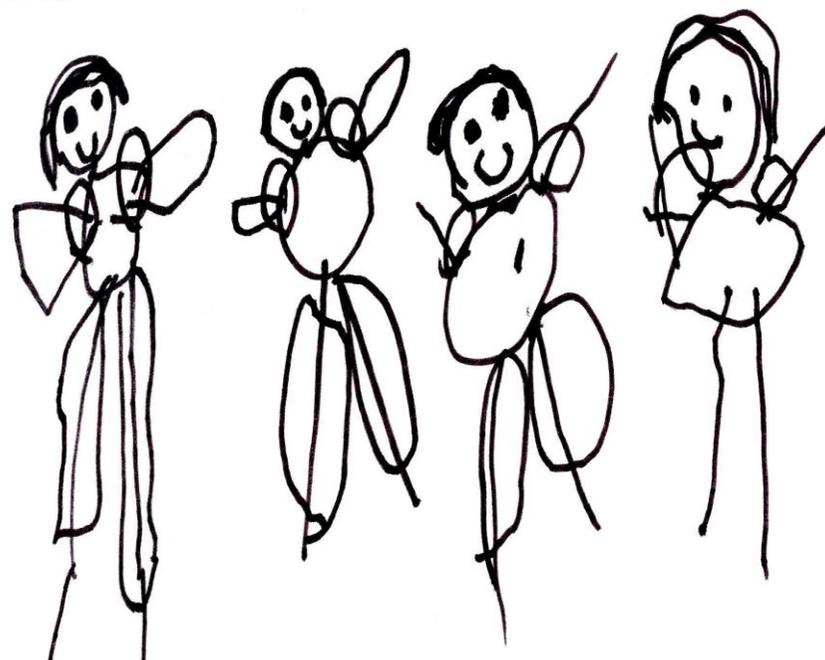


## Our Aims

- To create a welcoming, happy atmosphere for children, staff, parents and visitors.
- Provide a safe and stimulating environment for everyone to enjoy and work in.
- Encourage everyone to be polite, kind, co-operative and share.
- Follow the early level outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence and meet National Care Standards, as children explore, make discoveries and develop through play.
- Use active learning to support children's development in the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence.
- Build on knowledge and skill already learned and in partnership with parents, recognise progress and further achievement, so that children can achieve their full potential.
- Develop the children's awareness, understanding, respect and enjoyment of the environment, within their own community and beyond.
- Make the transition to Primary One smooth, by weekly activities in the main school and by getting to know older pupils and staff.
- Ensure each child grows in confidence, independence and self esteem, by being valued and respected as an individual.

## Abernethy Primary School

## Nursery



Abernethy Primary School  
Nethy Bridge  
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01479 821274

Information Booklet  
2018/19

**Hello**, we are the Nursery Team at Abernethy Primary School. Feel free to come and speak to us.

**Mrs Emma Broadhurst**  
Early Years Practitioner

**Mrs Trisha Fletcher**  
Early Years Practitioner

We are supported by;

**Mrs Adele Law**  
Principal Teacher

**Mrs Rhona Bootle**  
Head Teacher for Abernethy and Deshar Primary schools.

## Opening Times

The Nursery session runs from 8.50am until 12.00pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

You are welcome to come in with your child to help them sign in and settle. Emma and Trisha are always on hand, should you wish to discuss any concerns.

Occasionally we may run an afternoon session, to fit in with trips or school activities. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

To help us maintain a safe environment, we ask that you accompany your child in and out of the school through the main front entrance, taking care crossing the car park. We will also need to know if another adult is collecting them.

The school term dates are on the noticeboard and can be accessed from [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk)

Should the Nursery have to close for any unplanned reason, such as power cut, fire or severe weather, you will be called to arrange collection of your child.

In the event of heavy snow, Information on school closures are on Moray Firth Radio and you can call Highland Councils' **Snow information line 0870 054 6999** and enter the pin for Abernethy Primary School 041290

The Nursery follows Highland Councils guidelines on child protection and has a child protection policy.

In the spring term, children who will be starting school in August have the opportunity to take part in three “**Safe, Strong and Free**” workshops led by a project worker. Each workshop has a different theme and tries to give children strategies to cope with difficult situations. You will be invited to a parents' workshop, which outlines the issues raised.

## Partnership and Communication

We like to involve families and carers in nursery life. We often like to invite you to see our presentations on our projects, Forest walks, Stay and play sessions, Reading mornings or even digging in the garden.

We value your help with particular projects and initiatives and if you have a skill or interest that we could use in our learning, that would be great.

Nursery news is included in the school newsletters and on the school website. We also provide a weekly overview of what we are doing, on the noticeboard

We are always happy to talk with you about how your child is getting on and will let you know of any achievements or small concerns.

If at any time you feel you need information about your child, please ask. We do take a note of the things the children particularly like, dislike, manage well, or struggle with. We try to make our records factual and objective.

In October we like to meet for a ten minute consultation, to share information on how your child is getting on.

In May/June, we take part in a school open evening for all parents and children. Also in May/June, you will receive a written report of how we feel your child has enjoyed the nursery year.

Parents are welcome to see the National Care Standards and Nursery policies and weekly plans are displayed in the nursery.

## Comments and Complaints

We hope you and your child will enjoy your time at nursery and we welcome comments and suggestions.

We are aware that difficulties can occur. For day to day concerns or queries, please speak to Emma or Tricia in the first instance at the beginning or end of a session.

If there is a problem, please ask to see a member of staff in private. If the matter cannot be resolved, or you feel unable to speak to nursery staff, please make an appointment to see the Head Teacher, Rhona Bootle.

All nurseries follow regulations set by the Care Inspectorate. If you wish to discuss a complaint with them, the local address is displayed on the notice board.

## Sickness

We are unable to accept children who are ill. If your child is unwell, please call the school on **01479 821274** so we know, not to expect them that day.

As you can imagine, illness spreads very easily amongst young children and they will come into contact with infections in the school environment. Therefore we ask you to ensure your child's vaccinations are up to date. If you have missed a vaccination, contact your GP or Health Visitor for advice.

Please keep your child at home if they are ill, particularly with diarrhoea or vomiting. They should not be returning until at least 48 hours since the last attack.

If they become ill while at Nursery, you will be telephoned and asked to make arrangements to collect them. We will make them as comfortable as we can, until they are collected.

Please keep us updated with any change of numbers or emergency contact details.

## Clothing

Please provide your child with a change of clothes and shoes for indoor use (such as plimsolls) These can be left in a bag on their peg. They will also require a waterproof jacket, as we usually go outside everyday.

We understand that they may need help putting on shoes and coats when they first start at Nursery, but they quickly increase in independence and its good if their shoes don't have laces as this can knock their confidence in doing it "by myself".

## Toileting

Going to the toilet away from home can be a daunting experience. We understand there may be accidents and these are dealt with, without fuss and you will be advised when you come to collect.

We encourage the children to maintain their own personal hygiene and have respect for their own and other children's privacy. We are always available to help if it is required. Please let us know if you or your child has any worries or particular needs. We are happy to discuss arrangements for any child who is not toilet trained.

## Explorers

Every Wednesday is Explorers. We are outside for the whole morning, in the woods adjacent to the school. We go for walks, we use tools to cut up sticks and play with ropes and tarpaulins to build dens. Each child has their own backpack and is responsible for getting a water bottle and the day's snack when they arrive in the morning. These sessions build great resilience helping them to risk assess and problem solve. There will be a short parent presentation at the beginning of term to discuss any questions you may have about these outside sessions.

## Snack

Abernethy Primary School is a Health Promoting School. We try to have healthy snacks and vary the content.

The children are provided with a drink of either water or milk and a selection of fruit. They also receive a small snack such as oatcakes and cheese or cereal. We also try to provide food that reflects our topics, produce grown in the garden, baking or food from around the world.

The children pour their own drink and often help prepare snack and they are encouraged to at least try the day's snack.

If your child has any special dietary needs, allergies or parental preference, please make us aware of them.

## Tooth brushing

Once the children are settled into nursery, they will be encouraged to brush their teeth every day after snack. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are provided and a dental hygienist visits every term to promote good practise.