

# ECCC News – September 2021

## Coronavirus

We're hopeful that the worst is now past, despite regular new infections amongst children. The majority of staff have been fully vaccinated, so exclusions amongst staff should now be less of an issue. As all children are exempt from contact exclusions, operational restrictions should now be limited to a new system of outbreak management protocols. This means that rooms will only face closure if there are significant numbers of positive cases in that room or across the Centre as a whole. We will keep you informed of any positive cases via our website and Facebook page. We ask that visitors continue to wear a face mask at all times.

Children with symptoms of Coronavirus or other acute respiratory infections (ARI) must still remain away from the Centre. Please do not bring your child to nursery if they have a temperature over 37.8C **and** any new symptoms of respiratory illness. They can return 24hrs after their temperature comes down and any cough has gone or reduced to a gentle, irritable cough.

Any child with a new, persistent cough **or** a temperature of 38C or above must still obtain a full PCR test, returning to nursery after negative testing and also in accordance with the ARI requirements listed above.

## New roles, returns and new arrivals

We wish warm congratulations to **Kate Parsons**, who has become a Room Leader (Sunshine) and **Diane Brown**, who has moved from bank staff to become a contracted Childcare Worker (Tiny Tots). We've also welcomed **Habiba Mohamed Shafie** as an Early Years Specialist (Tiny Tots) and **Alfie Tucker** as a Level 2 Practitioner and Trainee Early Years Specialist (Rainbow). **Izzy Ruddick** has taken up a new role as Inclusion Manager.

Since the last Newsletter, **Lucy Jefferies** (Practice Manager), **Ellen Parker** (Tiny Tots) and **Daryl Pickering** (Sunshine) have returned from Maternity Leave and **Laura Sanchez Lara** (Sunshine) has begun her own.

We're actively recruiting Early Years Specialists. If you know any qualified childcare staff who are looking for a new challenge, please send them our way!

## Winter Closure

The Centre will be closed for two weeks at the end of the year.

*Last day open:*

*Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>*

*First day back:*

*Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>*



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## Keeping the Centre safe and clean

There have been a few incidents recently with parents allowing their children to urinate at the front of the building and a number of unwrapped, used nappies were found deposited near the parking area. Our dumpsters and yellow hygienic waste bins are also frequently used for rubbish that did not originate at the Centre, which can cause us to be charged extra for improper use. Please ensure that all forms of waste are taken away with you and feel free to ask to use a bathroom on site if needed.

## Evening Wraparounds

As the Coronavirus restrictions continue to lift, we are looking to restart the 5pm-5:50pm evening wraparound session. Changing shifts patterns takes a little time and we first need to assess which sessions there is demand for.

We are aiming to restart this service from Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to change your session times from this date, please speak to the office to book wraparounds by Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the amount of time that has passed since the extra hour was last offered, previous booking patterns will not be reinstated automatically.

## Attendance

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending a session and remember to call in if you're expecting to arrive more than 1 hour late for any booked session. We need firm numbers by this time to prepare meals, etc – and will also need to contact you to confirm the reason for absence.



## Parking

We have been asked to remind parents and carers to not use the City Academy's large staff car park at pick-up or drop-off. They resume normal hours in September and can issue penalty notices for unauthorised use. On-site parking for ECCC is strictly restricted to the bays at the front of our building. Thank you.