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Glendowie Christian Kindergarten Information

Welcome to Glendowie Christian Kindergarten!

We provide quality care and education for your child in the context of Christian principles.

We provide a programme of play and learning designed to encourage your child to gain the most from their early childhood years in a fun, warm and caring environment. Your child can begin at GCK between 2½ and 3 years of age, subject to availability of places. They may then stay with us until 5, working their way through to our specially designed 'Fab 4' programme for children over 4, which is held every afternoon. Here your child can take their first steps towards independence in a safe and supportive environment, whilst learning about friendship and companionship with others. We have 4 teachers who are fully trained and registered and 2 teacher assistants. We operate a high teacher/child ratio of 1:7.5.

Parents who wish to spend time with their children here are always welcome. We appreciate parent helpers whenever they are available, and we encourage family get-togethers through a planned programme of social activities.

Your child will have a portfolio. This is a collection of documentation of your child's learning at kindy. Please feel free to read it, share it and comment on it.

Your feedback is always appreciated. Your enquiries will be dealt with professionally and confidentially. We look forward to a long and happy relationship with you and your child.

Kindergarten Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8.45 am - 12.45 pm Bring morning tea and lunch

4 Year old programme:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 12.45pm - 2.45pm

Children attending the 4 year old programme may stay for an all-day session (8:45 -2:45)

Fees

Hourly fee - all children \$1.50

Enrolment Fee \$80.00 to be paid on acceptance of a place.

Under 3 year olds \$18.40 per morning (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)

An hourly rate of \$4.60 for each hour in excess of 20 hours per week.

GCK - A brief history

Glendowie Christian kindergarten was established in 1996 by a group of visionaries in order to provide high quality early childhood education and care within a Christian environment.

Today it is a happy and busy centre where children benefit from the small group sizes and high teacher/child ratios, ensuring maximum direct contact time with adults, and minimum competition for resources and time. All of these factors together ensure that children attending this centre, receive a quality early childhood education.



Initial Familiarisation

Your child will settle best if the transition from home to Kindergarten is gradual. We suggest that you take the time to visit the Kindergarten for an hour or two with your child **before** their first day here. Talk to them in an excited and positive way about the Kindergarten experience they are going to have—it can be a little daunting for them. If your child finds it hard to settle, trust the staff to know how to handle them. If they continue to be distraught after you have left, we will contact you if you wish and ask you to return.

Please talk to staff about any questions you may have- we are here to help.

Behaviour Management

Children are encouraged to be caring towards each other and the environment. Staff model caring and positive interactions. Should behaviour require addressing, staff will adopt a gentle and positive approach of redirection.

Health & Safety

All qualified staff are trained in First Aid. In the event of an accident, appropriate steps will be taken, including the calling of an ambulance if required. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible.

Children who are sick with any infectious or contagious illness, including such illnesses as conjunctivitis, diarrhoea and vomiting or even a heavy cold (green nose, chesty cough) should not attend Kindergarten. Parents are asked to contact us **before 9am** if possible to advise us of any absence. Children on antibiotics should spend at least **one day** at home before returning.

Medication

This must not be left in children's bags but should be given to staff with clear instructions for its use and parents must sign an authority for staff to administer it. Staff will sign a record to indicate when medication has been given.

The Education Review Office (ERO) visited GCK in March 2016.

It said...

"A centre culture of care and respect provides a strong foundation for children's wellbeing and belonging. Children are confident explorers. They show initiative, ask questions, and capably manage their relationships with teachers and other children. Older children engage in imaginative and cooperative play for long periods.

"Teachers interact respectfully with and listen carefully to children. Teachers use good questions to prompt children's problem solving and independent thinking. Children and teachers share information and ideas, work together and learn alongside each other. Teachers value the information that parents share about their children's home and community experiences. They have a deliberate focus on enhancing relationships with families.

"The curriculum is highly effective in promoting positive outcomes for children. Literacy, science and mathematical learning opportunities are included in the programme in meaningful ways."

Philosophy, policies and procedures

Our Parent Handbook which is situated in the parent library contains our Philosophy, Policies and Procedures. Please make yourself acquainted with its contents. On the parents' notice board we also display the philosophy, fee structure, our daily agenda, complaints procedure, latest ERO report, staff profile and registration status as well as our Certificate of Licence. As we review our policies, we will inform you through newsletters for you to read and comment on. The details of expenditure of any Ministry of Education funding received is available on the Charities website.