



PLAY Introduction for families

Early Years Centre

iCAN PLAY has been specifically created to meet the needs of children between the ages of 18 months and 3 years. All of the equipment and activities within our Early Years Centre have been tailor-made to meet the needs of young inquisitive minds.

iCAN PLAY is a stimulating environment which has been created to enable the children to access all six areas of learning as set out in the British Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. These areas are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

At iCAN PLAY we will encourage the children to develop independence. This will include tasks such as; putting their own things away and taking their own shoes on and off. In conjunction with parents we will also continue your child's toilet training routines.

The children will have the opportunity to spend time in the reading corner. They will have opportunities to independently look at books and learn to treat books with respect as well as having stories read to them by adults. They will begin to develop, what we hope will be, a life long love of books and reading.

The children will learn to count through singing, sorting and matching objects to develop their understanding of number. They will create patterns, use shapes and develop their measuring skills through sand and water play.

At iCAN PLAY we promote healthy eating and so the children will be provided with a healthy snack of fruit and soya milk each day.

iCAN PLAY has two qualified and experienced teachers; Ms. Lily our Early Years Foundation Stage Coordinator and Ms. Maggie. Learning Support Assistants will also work in collaboration with the teachers. The ratio of adults to children will always be 1:4. The Early Years Centre has a capacity for 60 children. iCAN PLAY is only a few minutes walk away from iCAN School and has plenty of space for parking during drop off and collection times.

The children will have the opportunity to listen to and join in with singing songs and nursery rhymes. They will learn how to use different instruments making a range of different sounds. Each week we will have a specialist music session with our iCAN music teacher, Mr. Andy.

The children will be able to enjoy the role play corner where they love to dress up and mimic familiar family situations and real life scenarios. This encourages them to develop interpersonal skills with their peers and share their own family experiences.

Our outdoor play area has been designed to encompass all six areas of learning. Everyday there will be opportunities for the children to use up all their energy running around, riding bikes and exploring this environment whilst remaining safe and supervised.

The children will develop fine hand and finger movements by manipulating objects such as play-dough and shaving foam encouraging them to twist, grip and bend materials.

Children will have daily opportunities to be creative and get messy! This will include painting, collage, junk modelling and using pastels and crayons. All children will also learn to use scissors safely and accurately.

