

Dear Families,

It's difficult to believe it's nearly the end of Week 4. Over the past few years I've had the opportunity to work with many early childhood services and see many ways of being and doing. What strikes me about Jamestown CCC is that it is a happy place where children, families and staff are welcomed and supported. I'm really excited to be part of this community☺

~ Alison

PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

You will be familiar with the "Jamestown Community Children's Centre" Facebook page. This is a public page which is great for sharing information with the wider community as well as staff and families. This page will continue to be used.

Because there are some things we'd like to share with families only, we've created a private group called *JCCC Staff and Families*. Membership of this group is limited to current staff and families with children currently attending JCCC. Group rules include respecting privacy. This means not copying (e.g. taking screenshots) or sharing content outside the group.

There is a consent form coming home on which you can indicate whether you consent for your child's photos to appear in the private group. Some of you have already given consent for your children's photos to appear on our public page, but now we have a private group we're giving you the chance to review that choice and indicate whether you're happy for your child to appear on the public page, private group, both or neither. You can be part of the private group whether or not you consent for your child's photos to appear.

If you'd like to be part of the private Facebook group, search for *JCCC Staff and Families* and request to join.

Need casual care? Tash will be posting information about the availability of casual spots on a weekly basis in the private Facebook group.



JCCCGoverning Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 1st March at 6pm

Weather permitting, we will hold our AGM outside at the Centre next Tuesday evening, 1st March at 6pm. New members are welcome as we have some current members coming off Council this year. Nominations can be placed in the box in the foyer. Proof of vaccination against Covid-19 is a prerequisite for being on Governing Council and members will need to apply for a Working With Children Check.

IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Each year, Kindy and Childcare teams develop Quality Improvement Plans. For Kindy, this involves developing a goal for children's learning. In 2022, our goal is for children to extend their ability represent their ideas through 'mark-making'. Mark-making includes drawing, scribble, and attempts to write or copy letters. These are all part of children's early writing development. The first 'texts' children create are a combination of talking and mark-making, so we are trying to capture what children say about their drawings and paintings.

The Childcare team met on Tuesday night to develop improvement plans which address each of the quality areas in our regulatory system.

That's for the big daddy fish and that's for the baby fish and the mum fish likes the baby fishes. Even the daddy likes the sharks. Even the man's got a fishing rod and even that's a hook and it goes far away to here down the bottom. Even that's me.



I'm making a map to your house. Here is your house. This is the road. What are the red parts? They mean 'stop, stop, stop'!

*A snow monster with shoe ice skates.
The puddle is very old so it's got algae.
That's the cave the monster lives in.*



**Jamestown
Community
CHILDREN'S CENTRE**



ACCESS PARKING AT JCCC

On some days of the week we need an extra access parking space. On these days we will be placing a marker labelled "access parking" on one of the spaces closest to the Centre. We are asking all families who don't need access parking to leave this space free on those days.

KINDY PARENT CHATS

We're really grateful for your co-operation in observing our Covid-19 safety measures. The children have coped amazingly well with being picked up at the gate, but the flip side is that we haven't had a chance to get to know you as well as we would like to or to have regular informal conversations about your child's time at Kindy. Because of this, we'd like to hold 'Parent Chats' with all Kindy families over the next few weeks. Kindy parents will be invited to book a chat with staff, either in person with Covid-19 measures in place, or via phone if that suits you better. Look out for a notice about Parent Chats in your child's information pocket in the foyer.

PLANT DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of plants to add to our garden at JCCC. If you have any spare 'easy care' plants that grow well in our conditions, please drop them off in the gated area at our front entrance. Succulents without sharp / spiky parts are great and we need to avoid plants listed here:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/safety/poisons/dangerous-plants>



TESTING, ISOLATING AND QUARANTINE FOR PRESCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS

**IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER
TESTS POSITIVE FOR
COVID-19 THEY MUST NOTIFY
THE SERVICE AND ISOLATE
FOR 10 DAYS.**

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

CONTACT DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Child

Children attending the site undertaking normal learning and care activities



CHILDREN ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

- a child who is in a group/room where the early childhood educator, teacher, worker or another child has tested positive for COVID-19

Parents will be informed there has been a positive case of COVID-19 by the individual service

CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO:

- if the child has symptoms, they must not attend the service and get tested as soon as possible
- children (aside from the positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending the service if they don't have any symptoms
- children should avoid attending extra-curricular activities for 7 days (such as, excursions, bush kindy etc).
- attendance at OSHC should be avoided where possible for 7 days

Early childhood worker, educator or teacher

People working in early childhood settings



YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

- you worked in a room where a child or other early childhood worker has tested positive for COVID-19

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work if you receive a negative result
- stay at home if you have any symptoms

YOU ARE A WORKPLACE CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19

REQUIREMENTS

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Rapid antigen testing surveillance for all preschool and early childhood education and care staff is strongly recommended, however it is opt in. Surveillance testing must be done every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A positive result must be reported to SA Health (within 24 hours) via their website and to your leader.

Ancillary staff

Administrative staff with limited student/child contact, chefs etc.



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REQUIREMENTS

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

If a staff member or child tests positive to COVID-19, all people who live in that household must quarantine for 7 days (or 14 days if the household cannot separate).

CLASSROOM CONTACT ADVICE

The Chief Public Health Officer advises it's good practice for classroom contacts to do the following for 14 days to minimise risk to others, when outside of the preschool or early childhood education and care setting:

- avoiding high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- wearing a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home

- avoid working across worksites unless an approved risk management plan is in place (eg rapid antigen testing)
- avoiding contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoiding non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots of people, inside, in close contact)
- avoiding shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

DOCUMENTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS

All children with health conditions (even very mild conditions) need to have a **Health Support Agreement** and a **Safety Risk Management Plan** in place. These plans ensure that staff and families are clear about how the health condition will be managed at JCCC. If you indicated on your enrolment form that your child has a health condition, we will be in touch over the next few weeks to complete the plans with you. They can be done in person if it suits you to pop in, or via the phone. These plans are in addition to any Health Care Plans you may have provided from your child's doctor.