

Allocated Trainee:



Course one Buddy guidance sheet:

Thank you for supporting your brand new Playcentre member on the start of their learning journey. The Association recognises you are the expert on your Playcentre so we are tapping into your experience and enthusiasm to engage our early trainees.

As part of completing course one the trainee must attend five sessions. They have been given a course one manual. The areas to be covered can be done **in any order**, but only one should be done per session. After all, the main task is for the trainee to start learning through play together with their own children and the children in their Playcentre community. **There is no marking required from you, just support and positive mentoring.** We'd like you to initial each session/task completed at the end of the day confirming the trainee's attendance and that you have had a discussion with them about the day's activities of which they have been part. The tasks have a range of purposes.

Getting to know your centre:

Found in your course one kit in centre is a laminated list of areas that should be shown to your trainee.

Play in Action:

The trainee is invited to get straight into the 'doing' of Playcentre. Creating resources for play and understanding why and how we play with children. Their work is not marked, you are just a support. There are three areas that need to be covered. These are:

- Manipulative play – eg: playdough, puzzles, clay.
- Creativity – eg: collage, paints.
- Outdoor play – eg: sand, water, physically active.

Reflection:

The trainee will have many questions in their first few sessions. Indeed the more they come, the more they will see things that enthuse or puzzle them that they will want to explore. Please at points during the session, and particularly before they leave for the day, see if there is anything they would like to know more about.

Most of the factual information will have been given to them in their first three visits so don't feel you are responsible for reiterating all the policies and processes. Although take the opportunity when questions about 'facts' do arise to review their visit information sheets with them. Your role is simply to impart your passion and belief in Playcentre as the best early childhood education option for children.

Reading at home:

Please help the trainee locate Magic places, showing them the loan system used by your Centre library.

And thanks! You are a key part in growing a vibrant and enthusiastic Playcentre community on the North Shore.