

## Nursery Values and Aims

- We aim to provide quality childcare for children aged 0-3 years, ensuring that the individual needs of each child are met.
- We aim to provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment for all.
- We aim to provide a stimulating learning environment, offering a range of resources to suit the ages of our children.
- We will encourage the children to be actively involved in their own personal health and hygiene.
- In accordance with national guidelines, we provide a daily healthy snack.
- We aim to involve parents/carers with their child's progress and development on a daily basis.
- We will treat all individuals with dignity and respect, and value all ethnic backgrounds, languages, cultures and faiths.
- We will evaluate our staff on a regular basis to ensure children receive the highest possible standards of care.
- Our staff continue with their professional development by attending in-service training relating to all aspects of childcare.
- We maintain links with Woodlea Family Centre and are regularly updated with current policies and procedures.

## Young Mothers' Unit

### Co-ordinator

Norma Seith                      Principal Teacher Guidance

### Support

Maureen Boag    Young Mothers Support Worker

### Nursery

Vikki Jeffrey                      Early Years Practitioner

Maureen Malone                      Early Years Practitioner

### Link Nursery Manager

Laura Fraser    Head Teacher Woodlea Nursery

### Head Teacher

Helen Gray                      HT Menzieshill High School

If you feel you need any additional information about the YMU and what it could provide for either for yourself or someone you know, please don't hesitate to call. Just telephone 01382 435677/435682/435684 and ask for Mrs Seith/Mrs Boag

### What the young mothers' say...

*"you don't have to worry about your baby when you are in class because they are in safe hands"*

*"... school gives you many opportunities"*

*"It's more flexible and you can have one to one support which is very good as when you don't have a class you can go down to the base and study"*

*"We all like it here"*

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# Young Mothers' Unit

## Information Leaflet 2013

For staff, parents, pupils and community

Staff responsible: YMU



## Menzieshill High School

### Who we are

The Young Mothers' Unit at Menzieshill High School caters for the extra needs of pregnant school girls, young mothers who are still in school and their babies.

The Unit staff consists of the Co-ordinator supported by a Young Mothers Support Worker, and, in the nursery, two Early Years Practitioners.



This unique facility is financed by Dundee City Council Education Department to support young mothers in Dundee continue their education.



## Young Mothers' Unit

### What we offer to young mothers

We offer you the chance to continue with your education both before and after your baby is born.



You will attend mainstream classes, and also follow an enhanced curriculum. The 'free' periods you will have will be used as study time or following this appropriate alternative curriculum.

Within the school we have a very well equipped nursery. This is run by two very experienced Early Years Practitioners. You are able to have contact with your baby at break and lunchtimes.



As well as studying your main subjects, you will also have contact with representatives of various agencies who offer advice regarding pregnancy and/or child care issues. We also offer you other activities such as swimming for you and your child.

## 2013-14

### A day in the life...

**Here is the way one young mother described her day.**

- ✓ Pick up by taxi from home to be taken to the main entrance of the school.
- ✓ First go to the nursery and settle your baby there.
- ✓ When the bell rings you will attend mainstream classes and also have extra time for study in the Learning base.
- ✓ At break you can sometimes go and see your baby or go out with your friends.
- ✓ At lunchtime you have an early lunch without queuing and can see your friends but then you come to the nursery to spend time with your baby.
- ✓ At 3.25pm you leave class early to collect your baby from the nursery and get your taxi home.
- ✓ We have regular meetings for all the girls within the Unit giving you the chance to support each other and share experiences.
- ✓ We meet with various partner agencies and are offered enhanced curricular activities, such as: healthy eating for pregnancy; baby weaning cookery; baby massage, child development etc.

