

Longley Park

SIXTH FORM

Preparing for your CACHE course at Longley Park

As part of your course, you will be discussing different types of early years provision and the contribution that they make to a child's play, learning and development.

To prepare for study with us in September, we would like you to research a school setting and a private nursery in your local area, look at their websites and see if you can find the following information:

- What are their opening times?
- What age of children do they take?
- What experiences do they offer for children in their care?
- How is the setting run or managed?
- How do they keep children safe in the setting?

Compare and contrast both different childcare provisions, what are their similarities and differences? What opportunities are there for play in each setting and how do they both support a child's learning & development?

You could also use personal experiences for this piece of work. You might have siblings, cousins or family friends who are attending a nursery or primary school so please put your own personal experiences into your work too, we like to hear your thoughts!

You can either write up your research, or make a poster showing what you have found, then bring it into sixth form when you start your course so we can share it

Preparing for Work Placement at Longley Park

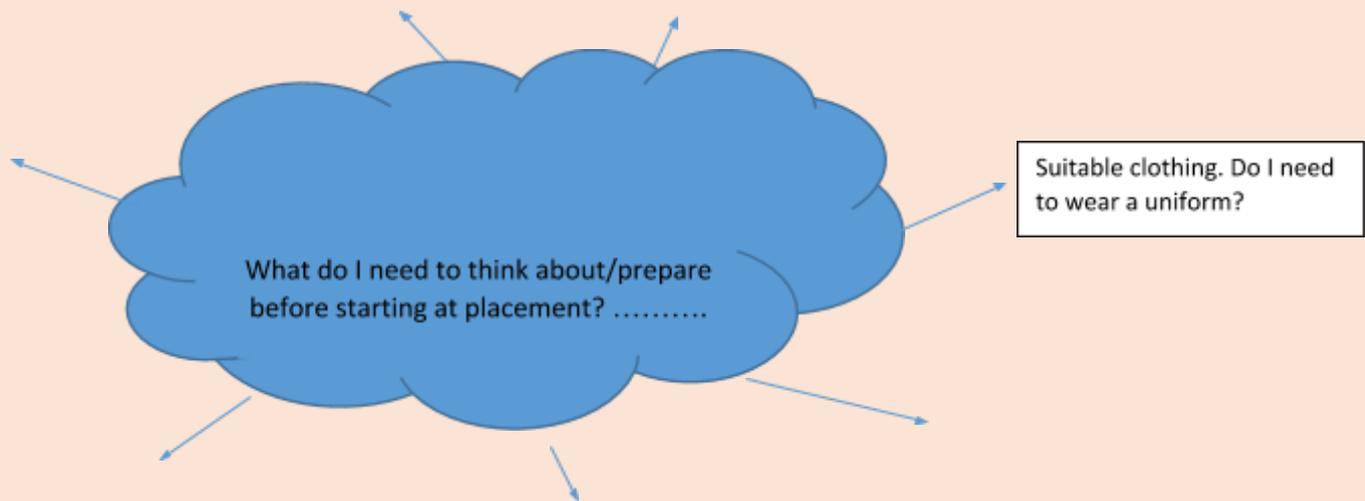
As part of your course at Longley Park you will be required to complete a work placement. You will go out on placement for 1 or 2 days per week, depending on the course you are enrolled upon. You will also have a number of block weeks (where you attend full time) throughout the year.

Work placement gives you the opportunity to gain valuable experience within a childcare setting such as, nurseries, primary/secondary schools and SEN (Special Education Needs) schools. This work experience is essential for anyone wishing to pursue a career in childcare or for those going on to further study. It also allows you to put the information you learn in the classroom into practice.



Before you are sent out on placement you will be supported by your teachers/assessors and placement staff. They will discuss in great detail what is expected of you whilst you are in setting and prepare you for this experience.

We would like you to start thinking about the preparations you will need to make before starting at placement. Some of you may have already completed some work experience previously through school or volunteering, so may already have some ideas for this. Please present this information as a spider diagram (an example is given below – we have given you one idea to get you started).



You can be as creative as you like, using paper and pens or completing it electronically if you prefer.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing your ideas!

Over the summer holidays I would like you to think about how you liked to 'play' when you were younger.

You most likely 'played' in many different ways, for example with friends, family, on your own and both indoors and outdoors. With toys and without

Please complete the questions below so we can find out a little about you 😊

Explain how you played OUTSIDE. What toys or equipment did you use (or not)?
Who did you play these with? (Friends, Family or Alone)

Explain how you played INSIDE? What toys or equipment did you use (or not)?
Who did you play these with? (Friends, Family or Alone)

Tell me how you felt about your play experiences. Did you have enough time to play? Do you wish you could have done a sport/activity but unable to? Why?



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When i first started college i was afraid as none of my friends were with me in the same class i didn't know anyone however as college days started the teachers would mix us all up so we all get to know each other and now ive made alot of friends and we all get on with each other we help each other. So now I am ready to learn and achieve my goals. So don't be scared if you don't know anyone as you will make friends quickly but i would like to share a few top tips with you to help you enter college life:

Here are some top tips about college life:

1. Make sure you attend all your lessons so not your behind on any work
2. Ask for help before it's too late never be afraid to not ask
3. Make good notes when your teacher is talking as you can refer to these when your doing your assignment
4. Don't leave your assignments to the last minute
5. Make sure you can access your emails and google classroom as your teachers will put work on there and you will get notified on your emails for any other reasons
6. Don't worry if you don't pass the first time round on ur assignments as long as you've tried your best you will get another submission
7. Don't be afraid if you don't know anyone in your class as you will make friends with them easily
8. Don't give up

Tips about starting/attending placement:

1. Attend all your placement days to get your hours to be able to pass the course
2. Don't worry about starting a new place you will be scared at first but as you get used to going you will find it's not as bad.
3. Make sure you get your log sheet signed to show you went placement
4. If you feel there's something wrong in your placement with yourself then make sure you speak to a teacher in college and they will look into it and do something about it
5. Interact with the people in your placements ask them if anything needs doing
6. Don't stand there doing nothing

Tips for staying on top of your work:

1. Make sure you take good notes in class as these will be useful when your doing your assignments as you will already have the notes and then you just need to expand on your answer
2. If you miss a lesson ask someone in the class to send you some notes or the teacher will have sent you the work for you to catch up on so make sure you do it
3. When your teacher sets your assignments start it then otherwise when you do it last minute you will stress and won't know what to do
4. If your teacher is absent they will email you and put the work on google classroom for you to complete so you need to do it as it will be part of your assignments
5. If you don't get any work or you don't understand bits make sure you ask your teacher as they can explain to you in more detail
6. Have a go at all your criterias for your assignments don't miss any try your best to answer them all

A few things I would change now looking back at what I did in college would be making sure I attended placement a lot more than I did as it's hard to get your hours and if you don't get your hours you can't pass the course or if you haven't done your

observations. Another thing i would change would be starting my assignments on time as soon as they were set so for example if the teacher was doing a task i knew was part of my first criteria i should have started to put that together because when your teacher sets the due date then you start to panic and miss some criterias and making sure i attempted all the criterias.

*Don't Worry
Be Happy*

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are proof
that you are
TRYING