



SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe how quickly time is going with us heading speedily towards the end of our busy Autumn Term and Christmas! We know that there are still a few tears from time to time for some but we are amazed on a daily basis how beautifully the children have coped with settling into nursery routines, especially those who have joined us for the very first time and others returning from a significant break. We continue to feel so proud of the wonderful children we are fortunate enough to spend our working week with at our Nursery. The resilience that the children, staff and you as parents/carers are demonstrating during such difficult and unprecedented times is incredible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience- it is vital that we work together to keep each other as safe as possible.

Parent's Evening

We know that face-to-face communication between nursery and home is currently affected by the stringent procedures we have in place regarding handovers at the beginning and end of sessions due to the pandemic. In usual circumstances we organise termly Parent's Evenings. As this cannot take place we have sent a survey on Tapestry to find out the most appropriate time for a Parent's Evening telephone appointment with your child's Key Person (Rock Pool parents/carers have been contacted individually via email). It would be great if you could complete this as soon as possible so that we can organise the logistics! These appointments will provide a chance for you to discuss your child's progress at Nursery. These appointments will need to be limited to 10 minutes but if you need a lengthier conversation or find you run out of time please let us know and we will do our very best to arrange another opportunity for these important discussions to take place.



Contingency Plans

We are extremely grateful to all those who have completed and returned the information requested regarding your key worker status. This will help us in the event that we are forced to make the difficult decision to partially close our nursery on a given day in response to any Covid related staffing issues. Our nursery operates in line with statutory guidance regarding adult to child ratio requirements. If any of our staff need to isolate as part of their own household/support bubble the ability to safely provide some nursery sessions could be affected. In this event, we will endeavour to contact affected families at the earliest opportunity via text or telephone call to inform them of any changes. If you have any worries please do get in touch with Kathryn or Hayley via telephone or email.

Support

Nursery Parent Support Advisor

Whilst all our staff are very happy to support parents/carers, we are very fortunate at the nursery to have our lovely Nursery Parent Support Advisor, Emmalene Chisholm who is on hand to provide advice and support to our parents/carers. She has a wealth of expertise coming from a Children's Nursing and Health Visiting background. Her working days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and whilst we are currently avoiding any face-to-face meetings wherever possible, she is available via telephone or email using the following contact details:

Nursery Mobile- 07470671183

Email- echisholm4yr8@nsix.org.uk

Just one Number
0300 300 0123



Just One Number

There is a huge range of helpful support and advice that can be found on the NHS Just One Number website: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/just-one-number-and-parentline> or you can contact the Heath Visiting team on 0300 300 0123



Please don't let little worries grow- always get in touch and we will do our best to help and support you.

Christmas

We know that Christmas is going to feel very different for us all this year and we are disappointed that all of our usual events that we ordinarily invite parents to attend will have to go ahead behind closed doors. Please be assured that our team are planning many special opportunities for the children over the festive period and we will share these with you the best we can on Tapestry.

Tapestry Help!

We know that most of our families are regularly accessing and contributing to their children's Learning Journey on Tapestry- thank you all for this. If you are yet to log in or are experiencing problems, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Focus Child Planning:

Many of you will already be aware that we need your help in order to provide the most meaningful and exciting learning opportunities for your child at Nursery. You know your child better than anyone and you can expect to be contacted regularly on Tapestry by staff asking for your help. Whilst staff continually respond to the interests of children in any given moment during their time with us we also use a 'Focus Child' approach to our planning. Staff will inform you on Tapestry that your child will be the 'Focus Child' for a specific week, when we will plan for their particular interests and needs. You will be asked to tell us about what your child is particularly interested in so that we can ensure their interests and fascinations can be incorporated into our planning. We are extremely grateful to all those who have helped us so far this term, adding valuable information to Tapestry about your child. We would really like to improve on last half term's parental response rate in each of our rooms. Here are the response rates for parents contacted last half term in each room:

The Rock Pool- 70%

The Coral Reef- 57%

The Deep Blue Sea- 56%

The Lagoon- 76%



Clothing

Now that the weather is getting cooler it is really important that your child attends Nursery in sufficient clothing to keep them warm- layers are best. This is particularly important in The Coral Reef, The Deep Blue Sea and The Lagoon as the doors are open throughout the sessions and children are encouraged to spend time outdoors whatever the weather. As most children are now bringing in more clothing such as wellies, all in one suits, coats, hats and gloves it is easy for us to get in a muddle if their belongings are not clearly named. Please help us to help you by ensuring you name their clothing- we know that it is frustrating when things go missing.

Woods

Here are the sessions that the children are currently accessing the Nursery Woods:

The Coral Reef: Wednesday mornings

The Deep Blue Sea: Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons

The Lagoon: Tuesday afternoons

It is particularly helpful if your child has wellies and all in one suits on these occasions if you have them at home.

Accidents

We really appreciate that you have sent in spare clothing for your children in the event that we need to change their clothing- they really do prefer to change into their own things, especially when they are trying really hard with potty/toilet training. We do, on occasion, need to use the Nursery spare clothing- if your child comes home in Nursery clothing please do make sure that this is washed and returned.



The last day of the Autumn Term will be Friday 18th December, the Nursery will be closed to all children over the festive period and we return on Monday 4th January.