



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our families. I hope that you are all well and safe during these troubling times. It has not been a great start to the year, everyone at nursery hopes that things will improve quickly. Thank you to all our families who have collected their child's learning pack. We hope that you enjoy using them at home.

## Lockdown and Partial Closure

Due to staffing and associated risk assessments, Oxclose Nursery can only be open to key worker and vulnerable children at the moment, for those children that we cannot accommodate on site at the moment, we will be continuing our educational offer, a comprehensive remote learning package will be provided - this will include regular Zoom calls, telephone calls, and planned activities.

## Remote Learning.

For all our children at home, activities can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of the nursery website and this will be regularly updated each week. We will also add some ideas onto our Facebook page. Thank you to all our parents who have been sharing examples of their child's learning with us. It makes us smile and is lovely to see! Anyone who wishes to share their work can do so via facebook or you can send us an email. We will be having regular zoom lessons each week, which all children are invited to join. Keyworkers will ring our families weekly to answer any questions you may have about your child's learning and offer any tips. It is also nice for us to hear the children's voices and keep up the contact with them, for when they return!

## Face Coverings.

Can we please ask all adults visiting nursery or bringing/collecting children to please wear a face coverings and observe a 2m distance from other adults. This is to minimise the risk of infection of others. We also ask that anyone who is visiting the office, also wears a face covering. Thank you for your support.

## Coronavirus Testing

**If your child requires a coronavirus test, please could you email the result to the office, before returning to nursery.**

We remind parents to maintain a 2m distance at all times. We also kindly ask that parents refrain from standing in social groups.

Parents are reminded that children **must not come** to nursery if their child *or anyone* in the household has symptoms of coronavirus.

If anyone in the setting has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19): a high temperature, new and persistent cough or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), however mild, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started and engage with NHS Track and Trace.

**Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results. If your child receives a positive test result over the weekend, when nursery is closed, the best way to contact us would be via email:**

**[oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net](mailto:oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net)**

**If we need to contact all parents quickly, this will be done via a text message through our parentpay text message service.**

**Therefore, if you have not already signed up to this, please contact the office if you need further login details or support.**

If someone tests negative, and they feel well and **no longer have symptoms** similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.

### **Dates for the Diary**

We are pleased to publish currently confirmed dates for the rest of the academic year and these can be seen in the table below. Naturally, we have planned other events such as trips and we will add these when we have final details.

Nursery closes for Spring Half Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Nursery closes for Easter Holidays	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Nursery closed for May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Nursery closes for Summer Half Term	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021

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