



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome back to all our children

Following the Governments announcement, we look forward to seeing all our children return on Monday 8th March 2021. All children will return to their normal attendance patterns. We do not anticipate any problems and have found that any of our children who returned after a long absence, all walked back into nursery happily!

If you have any concerns or questions about your child returning to nursery, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to speak to you.

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.

World Book Day.

We have been sharing lots of information about World Book day on our website and Facebook page. Sharing stories is the best thing you can do to develop your child's vocabulary and pre reading skills!

Seesaw

We are very excited to begin using the new app Seesaw in nursery. We are currently waiting for ipads to be delivered for staff so that we can begin the process of sharing work with you. Seesaw gives a place for home and nursery to document your child's learning. Each child will get their own electronic journal and we will periodically add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings or voice recordings. More information will follow next week.

No Cars Allowed on Site

Please can we remind parents that they are not permitted to drive their cars onto the nursery site. This is to keep all our families safe. If you need permission to drive onto the site due to medical reasons, please contact the office and a time can be arranged when you can access the car park safely.

Please Label Clothing

Please can we ask families to label all of your children's clothing. Staff are struggling to match items of clothing and shoes to children. The children are extremely helpful when they tell us that their sweatshirt is 'red' and shoes are 'black'... 😊

Please can we also request that children do not come to nursery wearing shoes with laces. It is especially important that children can be independent when dressing, as we seek to maintain social distancing as much as possible.

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

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 Easter Holidays	Friday 26 th March 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 12 th April 2021
Nursery closed for May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Nursery closes for Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 7 th June 2021

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