



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Red Nose Day

This year we would like to support the Red Nose Appeal on Friday 19th March, by asking children to wear red, if they would like to. All donations can be made via Parent Pay this year, to eliminate the need for cash.

New Start times

We propose for these new times to be adopted from **Monday 15th March 2021**, to ease congestion for parents and children as they wait to be collected. We hope that it will help to make departure and arrival times run more smoothly. If you have any queries or unable to adhere to these times due to prior commitments, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Yellow group & Red full day children to arrive at 9am

Blue group to arrive at 9.10am

Yellow group & Red full day children to leave at 3.00pm

Blue group to leave at 3.10pm.

Face Coverings.

Can we please ask **all adults** visiting nursery or bringing or collecting children to please wear a face covering. We also ask that anyone who is visiting the office, to please wear a face covering. Thank you for your continued support.

Dangers of Walking up Drive

Please can all parents/careers please be mindful when dropping off and picking up children. We would kindly ask that no one walks up and down the drive, to avoid any unwanted accidents. Lorries can often make deliveries to school and nursery, and cars will be moving through the car park during the day.

Thank you

A huge thank you to our local Iceland store, who this week donated a very generous amount of crumpets. These have helped enormously in helping stretch our school fund budget further. They have been enjoyed throughout the nursery, from snack time, breakfast club, afterschool club and also the odd one to fuel the teachers rumbling tummies 😊

Fish Tank

In nursery we are lucky enough to have some very small visitors, in the form of tadpoles. The children love being able to witness the changes happening to the tadpoles. Unfortunately, our tank is not the most transparent, making viewing difficult. If you have an unwanted tank, that we could borrow, please email oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net and we will get back to you.

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

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.

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.

Red Nose Day	Friday 19 th March 2021
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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