



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Happy Easter

We would like to wish all our families a very happy holiday. The children have enjoyed lots of lovely Easter activities this week in nursery. They have had Easter crafts and baking with Mrs Abley. They have also enjoyed an Easter Bunny hunt in our garden looking for eggs.

Governance

Our Governors, including our Parent Governors, do a terrific job of carrying out a very demanding role. Parent Governors are elected for an initial term of 4 years and then can seek re-election. The term of one Parent Governor is about to end, although the Governor is also entitled to stand for re-election. If you are interested, please let us know by Tuesday 13th April at midday and then we can arrange for you to have an initial interview with Mr Harrison and Mrs Sneath, Chair of Governors, who will explain the full commitments needed for our regular meetings, committees, the training we would like you to undertake and the process which is involved in the election. Thank you.

Covid during the Holiday Period

Please note that we are still required to help track and trace any covid cases in nursery during the first week of the holidays. If your child develops any symptoms of covid, please have them tested to limit the spread of the virus within the community. If your child tests positive, please contact nursery via our email oxclosenursery@durhamlearning.net so we can inform all our families as soon as possible.

Lateral Tests

Lateral tests are more widely available to test for asymptomatic cases of covid within the community. However, these tests are not considered to be sufficient if your child already has symptoms of covid. If your child has symptoms of covid, schools/nursery can only accept results from a PCR test. This is following guidance on the use of lateral flow tests in schools and nurseries. A negative test result must be received before your child can return to nursery if they have displayed symptoms of covid.

Coronavirus Testing

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 Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 22 nd February 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

D. Harrison

Executive Headteacher (Ox Close Federation)

J. Taylor

Head of Nursery