



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Face Masks when collecting children

Staff are finding it difficult to recognise families on collection of children, and also hear clearly the name of the child that you are collecting. When collecting your child, please can we ask that once you are at the front of the queue, that you lower your mask so that we can see and hear you clearly. Thank you for your understanding.

SeeSaw

We are delighted to let you know that SeeSaw is ready to use. Once we have received permission from all parents you will be sent a unique activation letter, to enable you to sign in. Please complete and return your permissions form, to take advantage of all SeeSaw has to offer.

Impetigo

We have been informed of a case of Impetigo in Nursery, Impetigo is a skin infection that's very contagious but not usually serious. It often gets better in 7 to 10 days if you get treatment. Anyone can get it, but it's very common in young children. More information can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/>

Hand Foot and Mouth

We have been informed about a case of Hand Foot and Mouth in nursery. This is a common childhood illness that is infectious to adults and children. More information can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Sunscreen & Hat

Please can sun-cream be applied before children enter nursery. If your child is unable to wear 'once a day' sunscreen and is a full day child, you may provide cream labelled clearly with your child's name. Please inform your child's keyworker if you are sending sunscreen into nursery. We will supervise your child applying sunscreen in the afternoon if they need a fresh application.

On sunny days a named sun cap is also great for the children to have, as they can spend a lot of time in the garden.

Food in drinks bags

Could we please ask that no food, sweets or drinks are left in the children's bags. Children are able to access bags freely during the day therefore food could pose a risk to children with allergies. A snack is provided every day and water is available all day. Thank you for your help.

Polling Station

We would like families to know that staff and governors objected to the nursery being used as a polling station on Thursday 6th May 2021. We do understand that this is frustrating, however we have no option in this matter. The government has issued advise on deep cleaning the building after use and staff will be cleaning the building from 5am on Friday 7th May 2021 so that it will be safe for the children's return.

Phototronics

On **Wednesday 16th June** we will be visited by phototronics. They have a very special job to do, which is to take all of our graduation photos. If you child will be leaving us ready for school they will have a photo taken on the 16th, which they will be able to take home with them as a gift, to remember their time in nursery

Laces

Could we politely ask that all shoes worn to nursery do not have laces. We like to encourage the children to be as independent as possible. The children often wear their wellies in the garden, so it is important that they are able to take shoes on and off

themselves. Laces can also be dangerous as they easily become undone as the children run in the garden. Thank you for your cooperation.

Toys

Please refrain from letting your child bring toys into the nursery. They are not allowed to bring toys into nursery from home according to our Covid 19 risk assessment. The children become upset if they are confiscated until home time. They also create issues with other children who do not understand that they can not have the toy. Thank you for your help.

Thank you for your Donations

Thank you for your generous donations, we are still accepting these if you still have any of the following at home. Spices, herbs, pulses, rice, pasta and tea bags, items do not have to be in date.

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.

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| Nursery closed for May Bank Holiday | Monday 3 rd May 2021 |
| Nursery closed for Polling Station | Thursday 6 th May 2021 |
| Nursery closes for Summer Half Term | Friday 28 th May 2021 |
| Nursery reopens | Monday 7 th June 2021 |
| Graduation photographs | Wednesday 16 th June 2021 |
| Nursery closes for Summer Holidays | Friday 16 th July 2021 |

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