



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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SeeSaw

We are still waiting for all *green coloured* consent forms to be returned for Seesaw. Unfortunately this means we must delay sending activation letters to all parents. We will edit the pictures next week to delete any children in the background if we do not have consent forms. However we cannot edit videos so these may have to be deleted if we do not get all consent forms returned. If you do not return your form we must presume that we do not have your consent. **Please note that the new consent forms are different to the ones you completed when your child first started nursery.** *Once we have completed editing work, we will send activation letters to the families who have returned their forms.* Please note there is a messaging service on Seesaw to comment on your child's work. Staff will monitor this once a week in their non-contact time so please expect a delay in replies to any messages. If you need to contact staff urgently you can do this via email or telephone. We are very excited about Seesaw. Staff have been experimenting with it all week and we think you will love to see the pictures and videos of your children working in nursery.

Coughs and Temperature Rise

We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is our policy that **any child who presents with one or more COVID symptom, should stay at home and book a PCR COVID test.** Your child cannot return to nursery without a negative test result being emailed before arrival. This is to safeguard all children and staff in nursery. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Absence

If your child is absent from nursery, please would you be able to contact the nursery by telephone or by email. It is extremely important in the current climate, that we monitor why your child is absent and we would appreciate your support in this.

Junk

We would like to ask for any unwanted newspapers, rolls of wallpaper.....

We will of course quarantine these for 72 hours before giving these to be used by the children.

Online Awareness

As a nursery we take online safety very seriously and children are taught about keeping safe. We have attached a copy of our online safety sheet, which contains links to useful websites to help support your child staying safe.

Bank holiday & Polling Station

We would like to remind you that nursery is closed on Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th May, due to the bank holiday and polling day. We will be providing remote learning on our website for the polling day so please look at this page for ideas that you can do at home with your child.

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 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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