



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## SeeSaw

We hope that you have all enjoyed seeing pictures of your children at nursery on Seesaw! It has been great to hear such positive feedback from parents. Thank you for all your lovely comments!

## Nuts

Please continue to be careful when preparing packed lunches for your child. We have children who are very sensitive to nuts and we appreciate your help protecting them from harm. We also remind families not to allow children to have food in their bags, as others can access these throughout the day.

## Grapes

Please can we ask that if children have grapes in their lunchboxes that they are cut in half, lengthways. This is because whole grapes pose a risk of choking for young children. Unfortunately, grapes are the third most common cause of serious food related choking incidents. Thank you for your help.

## Old Vegetables and dried goods!

We would be very grateful for any old vegetables or fruit that you do not want. The children can use this in the roleplay area (as long as it is not mouldy). So next time you are throwing out old veg, herbs, teabags and other dried goods, pop in them in a carrier for 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.

## Family Consultations

It is time again for our consultations...how quickly time has flown! We will be providing telephone consultations lasting 10 minutes per family for consultations. Each group has a time slot when your child's key worker could potentially ring you. If you cannot be contacted the first time they ring, they will call you back at a later time. This call will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have and also to discuss how your child is getting on in nursery with their keyworker.

The times are as follows:

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May :

Red Group 3.45pm until 5.00pm

Green AM Group 12.45pm until 5.00pm

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May :

Yellow Group 9.30 until 11.45am

Blue Group 12.45pm until 5pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May :

Green PM Group 9.30am until 11.45am

Yellow Group 3.45pm until 5pm

Twos group 9.30am until 3.30pm

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Green PM Group 3.45pm until 5.00pm

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Red Group 12.30pm until 4.30pm

## Absence

Thank you for all of you who have been contacting us about any absence. It is extremely important that we continue to monitor why your child is absent and we would appreciate your support in this.

## 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](mailto: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 Summer Half Term	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Open Day 4pm-5.30pm	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Open Day 4pm-5.30pm	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Graduation photographs	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Nursery closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

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