



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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**I apologise for the miserable tone of this newsletter!**

**I warn you in advance that it is not a fun read! 😞**

## **Illness**

This week has been a particularly bad week for illness in nursery, and we have had many children who are becoming unwell.

We would like to make you aware that we have **three** nasty illnesses circulating in nursery. *There is a bad sickness bug, Croup and Roseola.*

**These are all highly infectious to children and some can also affect pregnant women, so children must not attend nursery if they are unwell.**

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms please contact 111 for advice.

*Unfortunately, these illnesses have similar symptoms to coronavirus as they can also cause high temperatures and coughs. **If your child has any spike in temperature or consistent cough then they must have a PCR test before they can return to***

**nursery.** This is following government guidelines and County Durham schools' policies.

## **Hayfever**

At this time of year many of the children suffer from hay fever. It is important to let us know if your child does suffer from this and also if they are taking medication. This can leave some children heavy eyed and lethargic and it will be helpful to staff to be aware of this information.

## **Graduation Photographs**

It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces on Wednesday. There is no charge for the photographs. They are a gift from nursery to children who are going to school in September. We have managed to re-arrange a date for those who were absent. The new date is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, and pictures will be taken around 9.30am.

## **Laces**

There are still many children coming to nursery with laced shoes. Please could we ask that **shoes with laces are not worn to nursery.** The children have to remove their shoes to access the tent, book corner and to put on wellies for wet play. This can happen multiple times during the day!

Staff are expected to limit contact as much as possible with children due to the covid pandemic. I am sure you can also appreciate that teaching is interrupted if staff have to leave the children they are working with, to spend time fastening multiple pairs of shoes. Nylon laces are also a tripping hazard in the garden as they do not remain fastened.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **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.

## **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.

<b>Graduation photographs - take two</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>
Nursery closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

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