



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Illness

We continue to experience a higher-than-normal number of children who are coughing and unwell. Please do not send your child to nursery if they are unwell.

We have many families who are vulnerable or who are caring for vulnerable relatives, and this is a worrying time for them.

It also protects our children and staff from unnecessary PCR tests.

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.

Children who started nursery during the lockdown

We are aware that children who started nursery during the lockdown have not had the same induction experience of other families. This is because our existing children were attending nursery at the time, and we could not mix bubbles. As a result, their parents could not enter the building. We would like to offer those families, the opportunity to visit our nursery garden so that the children can show you where they play. You will be able to book 15-minute slots on Tuesday 6th July 2021, between 4pm and 5pm. This visit will be held in the garden, and we kindly ask that adults wear a mask and adhere to social distancing rules. Please phone the office in advance if you would like to visit.

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

We have managed to re-arrange a date for those who were absent for these. The new date is Tuesday 6th July, and pictures will be taken around 9.30am.

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 symptoms, 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

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.

Graduation photographs - take two	Tuesday 6th July 2021
Nursery closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 16 th July 2021

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