



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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Miss Pounder

Last week we said our sad goodbyes to Miss Pounder, who has been working in our Red room this year. The children have loved her, and we are very sad to see her go. We all hope that she will be very happy in her new venture and wish her the best of luck!

Graduation

Despite the restrictions and disruptions of Covid 19, we have had an enjoyable year with all our children. We could not ask for better behaved children or for more supportive parents! All the staff would like to thank you all, for your help this year. We could not have coped as well without our helpful parents, you helped to make a strange year run more smoothly.

We will miss the lovely children who will be leaving us next week, and wish we could have spent more time with them all. On Friday 16th July, we will celebrate their last day at nursery with a Graduation party. All children can participate, even those remaining next year. We will provide party food, dancing, games, and a graduation march around the garden. This will be filmed for parents on seesaw. Children who stay for dinner will still need a lunch this day (some children tend to just 'pick' at party food).

Children returning to Nursery in September 2021

To allow our new children time in nursery with their parents in September 2021, existing children will return to nursery on **Friday 3rd September 2021**.

As a short induction, after a long break, existing children who changing to **30-hours day, will attend a half day on Friday 3rd September, starting at 8.45am until 1pm**. They will **require a packed lunch on this day**, and return home after dinner. School dinners will then be available the following week.

Times on this day do not change for existing morning or afternoon only children, and two year olds.

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:

oxclose_nursery@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.

Nursery closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 16 th July 2021
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