



# Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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## Welcome and Thank You

We would like to welcome both our existing and new children to Oxclose nursery. It was lovely to see how happily our existing children have returned after their holiday. We are also very proud of our new children, who are coping so well with the settling in process!

We are very grateful to all our families for the sensible way they have handled the parting from their children. This has definitely helped them to settle happily!

The nursery feels calm and happy inside, which is in part down to our lovely parents and grandparents. Thank you for all your help.

## Name Clothing

Please can we ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Medication

Can we please remind parents that children are not allowed to carry medication in their bags. All children can access bags during the day, so we need to keep everyone safe. If your child requires any medication during the nursery day, please speak to Nicola in the office. She will give you a form to complete and we will then keep the medication in a locked cupboard until it is required. We are only permitted to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, in its original packaging and clearly labelled.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Sensory Play

The children are really enjoying mixing ingredients in our sensory area! We would be very grateful for any donations of dried goods to use in this area. So please think of us when you sort your cupboards at home. We will happily use any 'out of date' herbs, lentils, dried beans, oats, dried potato, seeds, barley, tea bags, flour etc.

## Coronavirus

We ask that nursery is informed as quickly as possible if your child will not be attending nursery for any reason.

**Please inform nursery immediately of any Covid test results.**

## Symptoms of Coronavirus

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 book a **PCR COVID test**. If anyone tests positive for coronavirus in your household, you should also book a PCR test for your child, and inform us of the result.

Please note that Lateral flow tests are not accepted. Only PCR tests are considered to be a reliable indicator of covid infection status.

This is to safeguard all children and staff in nursery. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

**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.**

### **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 Half Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
Halloween Fun Trail	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Nursery reopens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Child Progress Meetings with Parents	Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Phototronics	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
Nursery Closed for Inset Training	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Charity event: Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Christmas Theatre Production in Nursery	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021

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