



Oxclose Nursery Newsletter

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30 Hour Children

We have a number of parents who have opted to drop their children off at 8.45am and to then collect them at 2.45pm. We therefore do not need to separate the groups further at collection times as there are less families collecting at 3pm and 3.10pm than we had expected. We therefore propose to have all other children dropped off at 9am and collected at 3.00pm. This will make it easier for staff to read stories at the end of the day. If these times are not suitable or you wish to drop off earlier at 8.45am, please let us know in the office and we will be happy to accommodate you. We understand that families are collecting from different schools.

EYPP Funding

We have noticed that there are not many families who have ticked the EYPP funding box on the contract forms. Children who qualify for EYPP funding receive an **additional £300 per year** to be used for resources and additional learning experiences. In the past this money has been used to take children who qualify on trips and purchase resources such as books and games to support learning at home. Families may also receive food vouchers to spend in supermarkets during the nursery holidays to support them during the covid19 pandemic. For example, over the February half term 1-week holiday break, children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) received an **eVoucher with a value of £20 per child**. Families received more money for longer holiday periods.

If you feel that you would qualify for EYPP funding or are unsure please speak or telephone Nicola in the office.

Lunches

If your child has packed lunches, please clearly label the bag with your child's name to avoid any confusion. Could we also ask that no sweets, chocolate or sugary drinks are included in your child's lunch.

We also ask that **no nuts or nut products** are included in lunch bags, to protect children with allergies.

If you would like them to have a hot school dinner, please ask at reception for a menu form. Meals are £2.15 per meal and are produced by Taylor Shaw.

Absence Line

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, we politely ask you to call the office reception, or leave us a message to let us know the reason. All absences need to be carefully monitored and if we do not know the reason for the absence we will give you a curtesy call. The best time to contact us directly is after 9.30am. Alternatively, the absence line is available 24/7. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Food Parcels and Clothing

We have received a donation of 10 vegetarian food boxes from the Spennymoor Community Centre. If you would like one of the boxes, they will be available from the office reception from Monday 20th September. You may take one box per family, and they will be on 'first come, first serve basis'.

We also have some pre-loved clothing in good condition, which will also be available in our reception area. Please take what you need.

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.

Toileting issues

Some children are becoming anxious about using the toilet because they are unable to pull their trousers up or down. This is also causing children to have accidents because they reach the toilet in time, but then cannot pull their trousers down quickly enough to sit on the toilet. Please practice this skill at home with your child. You could also help them to succeed by ensuring they are wearing elasticated jogging bottoms which are not too tight. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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

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