



## Cornhill Nursery Newsletter

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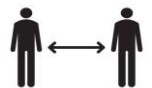
Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to finally welcome you and your child back to nursery, and we are absolutely delighted to have even more friends join us now too. A very warm welcome to all our new parents and children. We can't wait to get to know you all!

Our Nursery Team are really quite amazed at how well the returner children have settled back in to nursery after such a long break, and how brave and confident our new friends have been, having to leave their mummies and daddies at the nursery gate on their first visit. We are extremely proud of you all, boys and girls!

**A few important reminders for the term ahead....**

### Social Distancing



Thanks so much for your patience while we have been trying to perfect our waiting points in the Nursery 1 & 2 areas! The waiting point crosses have now been painted on so they will remain in these positions. Should there not be a space for you in the playground area, please wait at the designated pavement area.

We have tried to leave as much room as possible around the signing in/out points so that staff and parents can have some privacy for handover discussions should they be required.

Please ensure that you keep a 2m distance from staff at these times too. Thank you.

### Drop Off/Pick Up

We are aware that drop off and pick up times are a slower process than usual, but the health and safety of the children, staff and you as parents is of paramount importance, so we greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we follow all the strict guidelines that are currently in place. Also just a reminder of the new drop off/pick up times.

**MORNING CLASS**      Drop off : 8.30am - 8.45am      Pick up : 11.25am – 11.40am

**AFTERNOON CLASS**      Drop off : 12.40pm – 12.55pm      Pick up : 3.35pm – 3.50pm



*Nursery doors will be locked and alarmed outwith these times and currently there is no access through the school, so please ensure your child is dropped off/picked up within these time frames, so as not to compromise security.*

## Change of Clothing

Due to the COVID guidance, we are advised not to lend children clothes from nursery at present, so we kindly ask that you pack an extra set of spare clothing for your child. Children sometimes get wet during water play, or messy while painting, so a change of clothes is often required. This is particularly important for children who are currently toilet training. I would strongly suggest that if this is the case for your child, there are plenty spare pants, socks, trousers/leggings packed in their bags! Thank you!



## Waterproofs and Wellies

Again, in line with guidance, all nurseries are encouraged to spend even more time outdoors in the fresh air than usual. With this being the case it is so important that the children come to nursery suitably prepared for all weathers. Please ensure that your child brings waterproof clothing to nursery on a daily basis. Even on nice days we love to play with the hose and mud kitchen, so waterproofs are not just required on rainy days. Welly boots are needed every day too, but these can now be left in nursery - they don't have to go home every day.

Until all our new children are in and settled, and routines have been firmly (re)established, rather than our usual 'free flow' play from indoors to outdoors, we are all playing and learning outside, on arrival. We would therefore be very grateful if you could help us by having your child come dressed in their waterproofs, ready for the start of the session.



## Sun Care

As mentioned in an ILD message last week, we ask that children are prepared for warmer weather with sun cream. Although we have some supplies in nursery, we can only use our own cream if we have been given prior parental consent, in case of allergic reactions.

## Water Bottles

Just a reminder that the children are encouraged to take their own water bottles into nursery, but these should be clearly named/labelled and must only be filled with water.

## Nursery Supplies

Thank you very much for all the tissues/wipes that have been donated so far. If you are still planning on handing some in, these items would be gratefully received.



## ILD

Hopefully all our new parents have managed to get logged on to the ILD (Interactive Learning Diary) now. This is a fantastic way for both parents and staff to share any progress seen in nursery or at home. If you have any problems accessing your child's ILD please don't hesitate to contact me or speak to Miss McCook/Mrs McGregor. Any problems are generally easily solved and we wouldn't want you to be missing out on posts about your child's learning and progress.

Staff sometimes post reminders or announcements on ILD too, so you are always best to get any issues attended to asap.

## Cold or COVID?

Just incase you are not already aware, there is a helpful flow chart on the school website (under the Covid Communication tab) which should help you decide whether to put your child to nursery or not, if they are feeling a little under the weather. [cornhill.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://cornhill.aberdeen.sch.uk) Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are still unsure.

Don't forget that any absences should be logged with our school administrator who you can contact on 01224 483234.

'Parent Club', the website where the information was taken from, is actually a really good resource for parents to access for tips and information on a variety of other topics too.



## Emergency Contacts

We have been updating every child's Care Plan recently, but just a reminder, that if you do change your mobile phone number, or anyone else on the emergency contact list changes theirs, please notify us of this asap.

## Important Dates

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September for the September long weekend.

October holidays – The last day of term is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and school will return on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

## And finally.....

We are **so** glad to be back at nursery with the all the children and are thoroughly enjoying the new term so far...even if it is slightly different and more challenging than usual!

Our main learning focus at the moment is very much Health and Wellbeing. We will be concentrating on routines and rules, building friendships, identifying emotions and practising good hand hygiene, in addition to continuing to develop our numeracy and literacy skills.

As ever, we strive to do our very best at all times, but if you have any suggestions, or have any matters you wish to discuss, please contact me : [gdevlin@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:gdevlin@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

We pride ourselves on having positive partnerships with parents and believe that working as a team is the key to success!

Miss Devlin and the Nursery Team.

