



SEPTEMBER NEWS 2021

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff and Governors, we would like to welcome you to Victoria Nursery School. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the nursery year. We are grateful for your cooperation in these early days and your assistance in settling-in your child.

Some Reminders:

Illness

Do not send your to school if they are unwell with any symptoms of illness.

For example if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea Public Health Agency guidance they should not attend school for at least 48 hours after the last session of vomiting or episode of diarrhoea. This ensures viruses of this type do not circulate in our nursery.

COVID-19 - Do not send your child to school if your child or anyone you live with has COVID symptoms. Follow PHA advice.

Arrival and Pick up

In the mornings we operate a staggered drop off. You can leave your child to school between 9am and 9.30am. Please queue at the red cones to ensure there is social distancing on arrival. Ensure you check your child's pigeon hole daily for school notes, newsletters and most importantly art work from your child. Please help your child hang up their coat on their symbol in our outdoor coat stand and assist them in washing their hands thoroughly in our outdoor sink prior to entrance into the classroom.

Parents are asked to queue at home time to collect their child. A staff member will bring your child to the door. PLEASE BE ON TIME to collect your child. When your child is in a full **day staggered collection times will be from 1.15pm to 1.30pm at the latest.** Our enhanced cleaning routines begin at 1.30pm and there is no available supervision of children after 1.30pm.

Dinner / Snack Money

Please put £5.00 snack money in the envelope provided each week. A money envelope will be placed in your child's pigeon hole each Friday. Please place the exact amount of money in the envelope and seal it and bring it to school on Mondays and place it in the box provided. **Snack £5.00 per week**

If your child is not in receipt of free school meals the cost is £2.50 per day (this will be written on the money envelope placed in the pigeon hole). School meals will commence Monday 20th September for the 1st cohort of children. If your child has been absent from school the amended school meals cost amount due will be written on your envelope for the following week.

Snack £5.00 per week - **Dinner** £12.50 per week **Total £17.50 per week**

A snack menu is displayed in the foyer and the Education Authority School Meals Service Menu will also be displayed (and put on the school website) to encourage your child to share discussions about the range of food served in nursery.



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Spare clothes bag /Wipes / Hand soap and Tissues

Could you please ensure that your child's spare clothes bag contains a change of clothes i.e. trousers, long sleeved top or jumper, pants and socks in case of an accident. Put these labelled items in your child's drawstring bag and place it on the peg in the outdoor cloakroom as soon as possible.

Please can you provide a family sized box of tissues, a liquid hand soap and a packet of baby wipes each term. Please place the items in the grey tubs in the veranda and inform a staff member.

Communication

Parents can relay brief messages or for example give snack money (in the weekly envelope provided) to the staff member on arrival. However more in depth communication should be carried out via email (omcallister620@c2ken.net), phone call (02890744246) or arranged appointments with the principal. You should **only phone the school during teaching hours if it is an emergency as the staff are with the children during 9am and 1.30pm.**

Important school notices will be texted to you or sent via Seesaw or will be displayed on the notice board in our veranda area or on our website. Please sign up for our See Saw app. We will use this as a means to communicate with you directly with photos and information about your child's learning. Your family invite has been given to you and if you require a replacement please a staff member know.

Staffing

Mrs McAllister is your child's class teacher alongside our nursery assistants Mrs Mulholland and Miss Bradley. Each Thursday Mrs Lowry will teach the class whilst Mrs McAllister carries out principal duties in school. Our secretary, Mrs Benson works on a Wednesday and we have some students on 2 day placements to help support our learning activities.

If you require any further information please get in touch. Thank you or your continued help and support.

Kind Regards, O. McAllister (Principal)

