



Ballymoney Nursery School
North Road
BALLYMONEY
BT53 6BW

Tel: 028 2766 4367

Principal: Mrs J. Trimmings B.Ed (Hons), P.G. Dip (SQH)

E: jtrimmings341@c2kni.net

W: www.ballymoneynurseryschool.co.uk

23rd August 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are keeping safe and well at this time. I am delighted to be informing you that all the pre recruitment checks have been completed and our new full time teacher appointment has been confirmed. Mrs Shona Muller has worked as a Nursery teacher for a considerable number of years and we look forward to welcoming her to the Ballymoney Nursery School team.

I am also writing to provide you with further information on the induction sessions along with the measures in place to help mitigate the risk of Covid-19.

Induction Sessions

Our induction sessions begin this week. These sessions will last for **45 minutes** and each child can be **accompanied by one adult**. Please do not bring any older/younger siblings. During this time please encourage your child to try out the different activities that are on offer. Uniform that has been ordered and paid for can be collected during your child's induction session. To ensure the sessions run smoothly:-

- Please wear a face covering when entering and being in the school building.
- It is important that you arrive on time as the session will be finishing at the allocated time to ensure items can be cleaned before the next group.
- If your child is in Ms McCarron's or my class please line up on the markers at the front door of the school as this will be your child's entrance and exit door.
- If your child is in Mrs Muller's class please go through the school playground gate to the right of the school and line up on the markers.
- The school car park is for staff use only so please try and find a space out with the school grounds which also avoids the yellow zig zags.

On your child's induction day, please remember to bring along:

- The completed permission forms for your child and their all about me booklet (these were included in the envelope you were given before the summer holidays).
- A full set of spare clothing for your child (underwear, socks, top and bottoms). We have a drawstring bag that your child will use for their time with us and the clothes will be put into that and it will hang on their peg.
- A box of tissues as we will use many boxes throughout the year!

Health

- If your child uses an inhaler or is in need of an epi-pen, please ask the pharmacy to provide an extra set for the nursery and speak with your child's class teacher about the health condition at the induction session.

Term 1 at Ballymoney Nursery School

On 18th August 2021, we received updated guidance from the Department of Education which has been discussed by the Board of Governors. As a school our priority is to ensure the safety of our school community and in particular, the children who are entrusted into our care. Therefore, in line with the guidance, we will continue to implement the measures that were in place during the last school session to help mitigate the risk of covid-19.

Each class within Ballymoney Nursery School will be a protective bubble and not have any contact with any other class/bubble in the school. All children will attend the Nursery five days each week, Monday - Friday. However, in order to ensure that there is time to do an adequate clean and change over of resources between sessions, we are reducing the length of each session from 2.5 hours to 2 hours. The length of the session will continue to be reviewed as the school year progresses with the first review taking place at half term. Therefore, the timings of the **morning session will be 9.00-11.00am and the afternoon session will be 12.30-2.30pm.**

As the children are starting nursery school on a staggered basis over the month of September, we have not allocated staggered start and drop off times. We will continue to review this approach.

First day of Nursery School

On your child's first day a maximum of two adults can accompany your child for this milestone occasion. However, after this day in order to maintain social distancing and limit the number of people in the vicinity only one adult can accompany their child to nursery school and pick them up. Anyone picking up your child must be 16 years old or over.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our Nursery school in the coming days. Please find attached to this email, an updated handbook which includes the school holidays for 2021-22. Look after yourself and your family.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jennifer Trimmings,
Principal

