

Fountain Primary School and Nursery Unit



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Dear Parent/Guardian

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Fountain Nursery Unit. Following current guidelines, parents are still not able to enter the classroom. However, please be assured that your child will be within a safe, happy and caring environment and we will provide them with a wide range of activities to develop their skills.

Please read this letter carefully and understand everything that is included.

ARRIVAL & HOME TIME

To limit congestion of parents and children arriving at Fountain Primary School and Nursery Unit we have had to alter the start time of Nursery until the slightly later time of **9.15 a.m.** We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause but it is essential for the health and safety of all our children.

As parents are still not allowed into the school building, we will use the back of Nursery as our main entrance. This is the door you entered through when visiting the classroom in June.

During drop off and collection times, please adhere to social distancing guidelines and walk on the left hand side of the path at all times.

SNACK & DINNER MONEY

Snack money is £1.50 per week. This will start from week beginning 20th September 2021. Remember this remains at this price weekly, regardless of the number of days we are at school. Please send the correct money for snack in a named envelope or plastic money bag every Monday.

School dinners are £2.50 per day, £12.50 for a full week. This is a big part of the Nursery day during which children learn to share a table with peers and are encouraged to try new foods. Please ensure you have applied for Free School Meals through EA website. We will not allow debt to gather due to unpaid meals. Please ensure the exact dinner money is sent in a separate named envelope on a Monday morning, or plastic money bag, for the week. Nursery staff do NOT want to be dealing with money every day as this reduces contact time with the children.

SCHOOL BUS

Children who travel on the school bus MUST at all times follow the Code of Conduct. They must sit in family groups and it is recommended that they wear a face covering. No child must leave their seat. At present this remains a free service and we are assured that Sandy Arthur will not allow any employee to be put at risk.

PARENTS

No parents may enter the school building (unless requested by staff). This is to limit the risk of infection to pupils and staff. Should you wish to contact the Nursery Teacher the safest method is by email hgraydon984@c2kni.net or on the Family Seesaw app (information to follow in September). Parental Interviews will be held via Microsoft Teams, as stated in Mrs Arthur's welcome letter.

Principal: Mrs Cathy Arthur

Please ensure you are on time to collect your child. If the person is not one of the people listed on your form it is ESSENTIAL that you inform a member of Nursery staff during drop off. Your child will not be sent home with a person staff do not know.

Health and safety is paramount in Nursery and we suggest that you start preparing your child for that immediately (if you have not already done so).

Teach your child how to:

- Wash and dry their hands independently
- Use a tissue when required following the rule: CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT
- Take off and put on their own coat
- Hang up their own coat by the hood
- Take off and put on their own shoes

PUPIL BEHAVIOUR

Children in Nursery will be learning to follow rules and routines within our classroom. Any child who wilfully disregards COVID-19 instructions may be excluded in line with Department of Education guidance.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has their own change of clothes which is kept in a named bag in the Nursery bathroom. Unfortunately, restrictions do not allow us to provide clothes for children. If there are no clothes in your child's bag, we will have no alternative but to contact you to bring some over immediately. This would be on the occasion if they have a toilet accident, get wet when playing in the water tray or when playing outside. Remember to replace these when they are used.

TOILETING

ALL children should be toilet trained. The COVID restrictions make it extremely difficult for Nursery staff to change your child on a daily basis. If your child is not yet using the toilet independently, contact Nursery staff to discuss this matter.

REMINDER

Please ensure all items listed on page 11 of the Nursery Prospectus are brought to school on your child's FIRST day. Also some parents have still not returned the paperwork we requested in June i.e. Starting Nursery form, Data Collection form and Parental Consent form. These MUST be provided on this day also.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely



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