



# Bligh's Lane Nursery School

## Settling In Update



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We are delighted with how the children have been settling and are so grateful to each and every one of you for your patience and cooperation.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** We are now ready for the children to come together on class will then form a whole class "bubble". The class "bubbles" will not mix indoors but will play together outside. We will begin to operate our 'Whole School' timetable on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Children can be **dropped off from 8.45am-9.00am and can be picked up from 11.45am-12 noon**. This allows for social distancing and will hopefully avoid too much traffic chaos on Bligh's Lane. If we find that the drop-off/pick-up time is leading to congestion we may need to revert to different times for each class bubble.

### School Dinners

Dinners will begin on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** which means children will stay longer from then.

Mrs Woods/Doherty's class will stay from 8.45am- 12.15pm and

Mrs O'Doherty's class from 8.45am-12.30pm

The time difference is a result of the time when the children sit for dinner (11.45am in Mrs Woods/Doherty's class and 12noon in Mrs O'Doherty's class). The children will go from the dinner table during this first week.

Parents need to be sure they have contacted the Education Authority (EA) if they think they are entitled to Free Meals – the number is: 02882 411 237. **YOU MUST APPLY ONLINE THIS YEAR IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.** The web address is : <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants> The cost for everyone else is £2.50 per day which is **£12.50 a week payable on a Monday**. If a child is absent the dinner money will be refunded. Dinner money **MUST always be brought on time in an envelope, plastic money bag, purse etc with the child's name on it – CORRECT CHANGE IS ESSENTIAL** - as the secretary lodges it in the bank straight away to be sent to the EA. This is especially important this year due to Covid-19 as staff are not supposed to be handling cash if at all possible.

### Full Days

The full sessions 8.45am-1.15pm will begin from the **14<sup>th</sup> October**. This allows a week for the children to settle at the dinner routine before we introduce the final part of the day.

### Breakfast Club

We will begin to offer our Breakfast Club from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Breakfast Club runs from 8.15am-8.45am. If this is something you are interested in please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### Safety in the Car Park

Please remember to hold your child's hand when entering and leaving the school grounds – in case a vehicle should enter the car park. The staff will explain this to the children and will also explain that they must never climb on to the wall to walk along it.

**Parents' cars / taxis are not permitted to drive into the school car park unless by prior arrangement with the Principal.**