

Baylis Court Nursery School Newsletter

June 2021



Dear parents and carers

We are fast approaching the end of another nursery school year! For many children this means they will be leaving the nursery ready to start in their reception classes this September. We understand that children who are leaving will be contacted by their child's new school.

There are still many fun times to be had by all before the end of term however and it's so great to see the children really enjoying the outdoor play environment.

We hope you and your families are all keeping well at this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Gregory,
Head Teacher



VERY HOT WEATHER

At this time of year we can expect some very hot weather. During such events we aim to keep children cool at nursery by providing water breaks, restricting running activities, providing play activities in the shade, limiting the amount of time in the sun and putting hats on the children. You can help protect your child by applying sunscreen on exposed skin before your child comes to nursery. If you provide a sun hat, please ensure your child's name is written inside it. This will help us match the right hat to the right head!

During periods of hot weather, sandals and other open toe shoes help keep feet cool. However, it also means that you child's toes are not protected from bikes, scooters and resources such as wooden bricks which may fall down when children have made tall towers. Such footwear also makes it difficult for your child to climb the large equipment outside. Could we please ask that your child's feet are protected by shoes and foot wear which do not show little toes. Thank you for your help.

FACE COVERINGS SUMMER TERM 2021

As part of our Covid-19 safety measures all adults entering the nursery school site must continue to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt from wearing one). Staff will be wearing theirs as we welcome you and your child at the start and end of each session.



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Safety measures at Baylis Court Nursery School in response to the ongoing Covid-19 Outbreak

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, we are following government guidance as contained in this document:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/actions-for-early-years-and-childcare-providers-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>

You can also see our Covid-19 risk assessment on our website by following this link:
<https://www.bayliscourtnurseryschool.co.uk/images/pdfs/covid/Risk-Assessment-14-06-2021.pdf>

Reminder of Drop Off and Collection Times Please keep to the times below. We have staggered arrival and collection times when you can come onto the nursery school site. This is to prevent a large build up of the number of adults in the front area of the nursery so social distancing can be maintained as best as possible. Please also ensure you are punctual as staff will only be there to collect and bring the children to you for a short time. If you are late, we ask that you please wait until a member of staff is available to come and meet you. When staff have left the front gate they will be settling all other children and helping with handwashing.

Please follow the advice if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

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Message from East Berkshire Public Health (11th June 2021)

Covid-19 Variants of Concern

There is a rise in COVID cases in the Slough area mainly due to the Delta Variant (formerly known as the Indian Variant). Current evidence indicates that this variant is more transmissible than the original one; it passes more easily from person to person, hence the concern about the rise in cases.

Schools have been asked to take part in additional testing (known as "surge testing"), using a 'PCR test' which is processed in a laboratory. These tests allow Public Health England to see if there are any cases of the variant in schools, nurseries, colleges, in a business or in the community. There is currently no evidence that this variant causes more severe illness or that it makes vaccines less effective.

All schools across Slough will be taking part in the surge testing programme, but delivery will be staggered over a period of 3 weeks. Some schools will be given a higher priority due to a recent outbreak. In Primary Schools and Nurseries PHE will be testing staff only.

Full details of letter to parents and carers here:

<https://www.bayliscourtnurseryschool.co.uk/images/pdfs/2021/Covid-19-Variants-Surge-Testing-in-Slough.pdf>

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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