

Baylis Court Nursery School Newsletter

March 2021



Dear parents and carers

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to children and families who have been at home these past couple of months. We saw a large number of children return to nursery on Monday 8th March and during the week. We appreciate how difficult and challenging these times are and hope you are keeping safe and well.

I would also like to welcome the new children and families who visited the nursery at the start of January this year, decided to remain at home during the dramatic rise in Covid-19 case rates and have now joined us at nursery. You are all welcome and we hope your child is settling to nursery life.

After the snow and cold weather spring time is just around the corner and is a lovely time of year for new growth for plants and animals. When you are out and about with your child you might like to point out any new flowers or buds on the trees and have a chat about the colours, shapes and the changes that spring brings.

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

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak, we are following government guidance as contained in this document:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/967469/Actions_for_early_years_and_childcare_providers_during_the_coronavirus_COVID-19_outbreak.pdf

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-01-03-2021.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.

	Morning Session Times		Afternoon Session Times	
	Drop Off	Collection	Drop Off	Collection
Butterfly Group (Two year olds)	8-30 am	11-30 am	12-30 pm	3-30 pm
Dragonfly Group (Resource Base)	8-30 am	11-30 am	12-30 pm	3-30 pm
Frog Group (3 & 4 year olds)	8-25 am	11-25 am	12-30 pm	3-30 pm
Duck Group (3 & 4 year olds)	8-35 am	11-35 am	12-35 pm	3-35 pm

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If your child is eligible and attends our 30 hour provision, please confirm with staff the drop off and collection times. Remember your child qualifies for 30 hours provision at regular times over five days per week. Any hours above this will be charged and must be agreed with head teacher in advance.

Face Coverings

As part of our Covid-19 safety measures all adults entering the nursery school site must 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.



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.

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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.



COUGHS, COLDS AND OTHER CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

Please remember to inform the nursery if your child is absent due to illness.

Telephone: 01753 521917.

Please keep your child at home if he or she is unwell as a busy nursery environment is not the place to be with a temperature, a cough/cold or a headache. For any child experiencing vomiting and diarrhea, he or she will need to stay at home for 48 hours after their last episode of vomit or diarrhea.

Closing the Nursery Sessions for Your Child at Short Notice

Given the current pandemic situation, there will be occasions when I will need to close your child's bubble at very short notice. This will be due to operational needs and the health and safety of children and staff. I welcome your support and advise you subscribe to our texting service, Parentmail, if you have not done so already. Please also sign up with the Parentmail App to ensure you receive emails from us about any sudden changes in provision for your child and receive any newsletters.

Staff are also starting to get their Covid-19 vaccinations which is very good news. However, they may have after effects which means they are unable to attend work for a short period of time. We will do our best to keep the session operating, but any alterations to sessions times will be temporary.

Thursday 1st April is the last day of term before the Easter Holidays

School Closed Friday 2nd April – Monday 19th April

School Closed for staff training day Monday 19th April

Children return to nursery on Tuesday 20th April

Thank you for your support as always from Mr. Gregory (Head Teacher) and all the staff.