

Martenscroft Nursery School and Children's Centre



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and would like to welcome you back to Martenscroft. We are looking forward to working with you and your children and seeing them learn, develop and achieve much in the year ahead.



During the next few weeks many new children will be gradually admitted to Willow class, Palm room (new 2 year old provision) and Blossom room. This will be a great opportunity for the children to make new friends and help each other settle in their new routine. We welcome your support with this, particularly in the mornings when you are bringing the children into school - thank you.

For all children starting in our nursery school class and 2 year old provision each year we require all parents and carers to fill in a starter pack. Even if your child has attended our school or child care provision before we need this to be completed to ensure we have all the up to date information and relevant permissions for the year. You will receive your pack in the next week and we will need it to be returned the day after you have received it. If you need a member of staff to go through this with you or if you have any questions, please ask me or a member of staff at reception.



Now your child has moved into our nursery school class provision or 2 year old provision I would like to remind you that this will also mean changes to attendance regulations, especially if your child has previously attended our child care provision. If you agree to accept the nursery class/2 year old education funding at our school you also agree to ensure your child attends everyday on time, and that you will not take



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your child on holiday during term time. As you may already be aware, headteachers and schools are no longer able to authorise any absence for holidays or visits abroad to see family during the school term when the school is receiving funding for your child's education. Parents and carers are expected to only book holidays during the school holiday periods and may lose their child's place to another child waiting for a place if they do not adhere to this. Please see our attendance policy for more information. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter and firmly believe that your child will benefit greatly from attending school regularly during term time.

Over the Summer break we are delighted to have been able to renovate all the children's rooms ready for our extended provision for 2 year old children this September. We are really looking forward to seeing the children develop and thrive in these new environments over the coming months



Finally, we are always keen to involve parents and carers as much as we can in the life of the school. If you are able to become involved in our Parent and Community Group or if you are keen gardener (or would like to be) and have some time to help look after and develop our allotment garden, please let me or your child's key worker know and look out for the dates of future meetings in our school newsletter.



Many thanks for all your support and if there is anything you would like to discuss please contact me or any of the nursery staff team.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Hardy
Headteacher

