

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
**GREENFIELD EARLY YEARS CENTRE**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

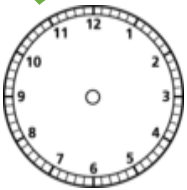
Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to all families.

I am sorry to inform you that Alison Atwell left us on Friday due to personal reasons. Please be assured that your child will continue to have high quality provision in nursery, Gemma and Claire will cover the role until Marina's return.

**LATES -**

If you arrive after 9:00 am or 12:40pm please inform the office that you bringing in a child late.

**DOORS-** Please help us keep safe by not holding doors open for anyone arriving as they must report to reception before entering the building.



**Reminder** - Please try to be on time at the start and end of session.

Children arriving late interrupt the session in Bluebell and distract others from their learning. Sessions start at **8.50am** and **12:30pm** and end at **11.45am** and **3:25pm** prompt.

**We need your help to raise our attendance at school!**

Ofsted and Herts County Council expect all nursery schools to be aiming for **95%** attendance rates and our current attendance rate is **78%**. Well done to those children that achieved 100% and 95% last term and received a certificate.

We understand at this time of year children are prone to illness but where possible please ensure your child is in school.

Nursery education is non-statutory; but there is a proven link between attendance, punctuality and children's attainment, even at this young age. To ensure that the children make progress within the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' curriculum it is important for them to be in school regularly. As well as the progress children make with their learning it is very important for their personal, social and emotional development.

A report 'Improving attendance at school' Charlie Taylor (2012), for the DfE, said of Early Years: 'Children with low attendance in the early years .... are likely to start school **already behind** their peers, particularly in their acquisition of **language** and their **social development**.

They have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad.'

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember the school is a mobile phone free zone.  
If you need to take a call in an emergency please do so  
outside



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Thank you for your voluntary contribution of £1 a week towards snack, this helps us provide a range of fruit for snack.

If your child has a change of clothes from school, please return them as soon as you have washed and dried them as in the wetter weather we run short very quickly.

### Important Dates

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Inset days Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

1<sup>st</sup> February - Nite Owls visiting - there will be an opportunity for your child to have their photograph taken with an owl.

13<sup>th</sup> February - 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term no school

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Deborah Harrison  
Acting Headteacher

