

Huntingdon Nursery School

September 2020 Newsletter

Claire – Headteacher



Welcome back to you all !

It been so lovely to welcome children we know back to school and to meet new families too over the last few weeks.

We are so pleased with how the children have settled in their bubbles; especially after such a long period of no school or playgroups.

The children are excited to be here and I am sure they are looking forward to making new friends and enjoying new activities and challenges.

As you know this year as a response to COVID 19 we have arranged ourselves in small groups called bubbles, this helps us to reduce the risk of cross contamination in school as the children remain in their bubble, with the same staff throughout the session.

I want to say thank you to you all for supporting us with maintaining the protective measures we have put in place to keep our children and families safe.

Including:

- Wearing a face covering at pick up / drop time.
- Lining up along the fence respecting our 2m social distance rule.
- Saying good bye to your children at the gate.

These measures are new to us too, but it is important that they remain in place to keep us all safe.

We have had several queries from parents as to whether or not they should send their children to school in the event that their child or someone in their household is feeling unwell or having Covid symptoms.

We hope that the attached quick guide will be helpful in clarifying what parents should do in the different circumstances.

We are aware that there are a number of similar lists and guides on Twitter and Facebook and some of the content may not be correct. However, the attached has been agreed by our Public Health Team so is up to date and accurate.

Quick requests:

It would be helpful if your child's change bag is a plastic shopping bag rather than a backpack. This means that we can fit them onto all the pegs. We would like these bags to stay in school if possible.

It is **hot hot hot** at the moment so please make sure you apply suncream in the mornings and wear a hat to school so that the children can enjoy playing outside.

Just to let you know we encourage our children to play outside as much as possible although the year, as there are many benefits from playing and learning outside for young children. As the weather changes please bring coats and warm clothes and make sure everything is named so we are able to return lost items to you.

For those children who are staying for lunch please make sure that your child's lunch box is named. You do not need to provide the children with a drink as we will provide water for them. Think carefully about the food you provide; think about what your child likes to eat but also add some new foods to try too.



For further packed lunch guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Parents meeting:

There will be opportunities to talk to your child's keyworkers in October. You can choose to arrange a telephone conversation or a zoom meeting from: 5th October to 16th October.

We will arrange these conversations before for after school across the week when it is most convenient for us both. Your child's keyworker will arrange this time with you personally.

This is an important conversation as it's an opportunity to share information about your child and to talk about how they have settled in school.

Consent:

Over the next week we will be arranging a consent form for you to sign to give permission for your child to join in with a range of activities in Nursery.

How we share information.....

Newsletters are written each term. For more regular updates please 'like' our facebook page (click on the logo) and visit Huntingdon Nursery School

**Website:** www.huntingdon-nur.cambs.sch.uk

We are currently in the process of updating our website. Please be patient.... our new website will be launched very soon!

2 year olds places:

As you know we offer some places for two year olds. If you think you know someone entitled to a place – pop in and speak to Gill in the office who will be able to advise you. We have places available for a January start in yellow class. You can check the criteria for funding at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-for-2-year-olds/>

Uniform. If you would like to order uniform, you can fill in a form and Gill in the office will order it for you, the online link to our supplier is not currently working.

Please note that Nursery will be closed on Friday 13th November and Monday 16th November for staff training.

Term Dates for this year are overleaf. Please note that there will be 2 more training days to be announced when we know the dates.

Nursery Term Dates Sep 2020- July 2021

Starts		Ends
Monday 14 September 2020	Autumn term begins	Friday 23 October 2020
Monday 26 October 2020	Autumn half term	Friday 30 October 2020
Monday 2 November 2020	Autumn term continues	Friday 18 December 2020
Friday 13 November 2020	Training Day	
Monday 16 November 2020	Training Day	
Monday 21 December 2020	Christmas holiday	Friday 1 January 2021
Monday 4 January 2021	Spring term begins	Friday 12 February 2021
Monday 15 February 2021	Spring half term	Friday 19 February 2021
Monday 22 February 2021	Spring term continues	Friday 26 March 2021
Monday 29 March 2021	Easter holiday	Friday 9 April 2021
Monday 12 April 2021	Summer term begins	Friday 28 May 2021
Monday 31 May 2021	Summer half term	Friday 4 June 2021
Monday 7 June 2021	Summer term continues	Thursday 22 July 2021
Friday 23 July 2021	Summer holiday	View 2021/2022 dates