



Renfrew Street Nursery School



# Newsletter August 2020

It has been a pleasure for all of us to welcome children back to nursery. Our priority has been their wellbeing and settling back in. I think that meeting most children out in the garden has helped and we plan to continue this for the time being.



As parents are very limited from coming into the nursery building at the moment, I am planning how we will hold **parent meetings** in the future. We are meeting new children and their parents outdoors

and parent meetings may take place in the same way with your child's keyworker. I am also look into ways of doing virtual meetings with Microsoft Teams and will keep you posted.

From next week we will start collecting parents' **weekly "Toy fund" contributions**. We ask parents to pay £3.50 per week and this goes towards nursery trips, additional activities and resources, additional snacks, treats and parties and the nursery graduation. Last year this funded the science centre trips, Enjoy a Ball sessions, leavers gifts, Christmas party and many other things. We will soon hold a committee meeting to decide on spending this year. As we are limiting our contact with cash, due to Coronavirus infection control, Steve, Sharon or Susan will ask you to put cash in an envelope that we provide, which we will mark with your name and amount. We won't be able to give change but you will be able to pay several weeks together.

Your child has a Learning Journal setup. This is an online "profile" for your child which you can access through an App or a website.

Once setup by us you will receive login details. Please check this regularly for

pictures and updates of your child's learning. This is even more important now due to our reduced contact with parents. As of next week, we will start to get back up to date with regular observations added to this profile.

## Reminders

Some session times have changed – morning is now 8.00am-12.00pm. Afternoon is now 1.15pm-5.50pm.

If your child, or anyone in your household has symptoms of a new cough, high temperature or a change in taste or smell, your child **should not** be coming to nursery and should receive a COVID-19 test. The time required off nursery with symptoms is 10 days.

As the weather is now sunny, please provide a bottle of sun-cream with your child's name on it as soon as possible so that we can keep children safe in the sun.



As children should not share our outdoors clothing and boots, it would help if you provide a waterproof outdoors jacket and trousers (or suit), welly boots and hat/gloves when the weather gets colder. Please label all items with your child's name.

This week we welcomed Nusrat Jabeen to our team as our new lunchtime Support for Learning Worker. Our team now has a Head of Nursery (me), a Team Leader (Sharon), 7 Child Development Officers (Afsaneh, Amy, Aqsa, Cherry, Dionne, Fiona, Nicole), 1 English as Additional Language Teacher (Parmjit, Part-time), 2 Support for Learning Workers (Lula and Nusrat), 1 Clerical (Susan), 1 Janitor/Cleaner (Janet) and 1 Catering Assistant (Iaman)

If there is anything you would like to ask me, please get in touch

 Steve Rivers – Head of Nursery