



Renfrew Street Nursery School



Newsletter - 4th September

It has been a busy few weeks welcoming children back and welcoming new children starting. For updates on what children are learning and experiencing each day check our twitter page - [@RenfrewStreet](#)



Our new nursery portraits wall

Don't forget to **check your child's online journal regularly** so you can see their individual progress. This is one of the main ways you can keep up to date with their learning. You can also make comments and add home learning examples to their profile (which will go with them to school). You will have been emailed their login details but if you can't access, just ask. The login web address is:

<https://renfrewstreet.yourlearningjournals.co.uk> and there is also an app that you can download from the App Store

We have now created an online "virtual tour" of the nursery:

https://youtu.be/-BJ5NvKMD_w

This is helpful to new families whose child is settling in to nursery when parents have less access to the building than before.

On 21st, 22nd and 23rd September we are inviting back the children who recently left to go to school for a **garden party**. This will be outdoors and in small groups. We wish we could have said a more proper goodbye before the closure so it will be extra special to welcome them all back to chat about school.

Soon you can see our new draft **Outdoors Play Policy** which I will share on Twitter and Groupcall text message. I welcome parent's comments before we make a final version. If you want to discuss our approach to outdoors play, please ask to make appointment for a chat. Alternatively you can email me feedback on the draft policy. Outdoors play is so important for children's all round health and wellbeing, especially during the time of this coronavirus pandemic, so please take time to have a look.



To help develop our nursery garden, and to involve parents, we are holding a **garden tidy-up day** on Wednesday 30th September. We will be planting, tidying and building new planters and raised beds during this week. We need parents help and children would love to have you in to join in this. If you could spare

an hour or so to come and join in then please ask for a time slot. Refreshments will be provided and times will be staggered so that it is not too busy.

Thank you to parents who completed our short **online survey about religious and cultural celebrations**. I will be in touch later in the year to discuss some of the offers made to help out with celebratory activities, including cooking, henna designs and storytelling.

Enjoy-a-Ball has been one of the activities funded through our nursery toy fund parents contribution. Unfortunately I have decided that we cannot continue with the sessions at this time due to the limitations on visiting adults, space limitations for physical activities both indoors and outdoors and the current upstairs and downstairs groupings due to COVID-19 guidance. We are therefore **looking for a visiting musician to offer a series of music sessions** for the children instead. If any parents have suggestions for this, I would be very happy to discuss them.

With regard to requests for changes of nursery sessions, particularly with additional invoiced hours, **4 weeks' notice is required for contract changes**.

All the recent nursery updates with regard to COVID-19 response can be found on our website at: <https://bit.ly/2QSMzCN>

The main message remains: if your child or anyone who lives with them has a cough or temperature, your child should not come to nursery for 14 days and you should request a COVID-19 test. If the test is negative (which more than 99% of tests currently are) then they can return to nursery sooner. Only a test can confirm if a cough or fever is Covid-19 or not, despite our own feelings that it must just be a cold. If there was ever a positive case within nursery, all parents would be informed.

Important dates

Fri 25th and Mon 28th September - **Nursery closed** (September weekend)

5-8th October - parent/keyworker chats to be arranged

Fri 9th October - **Nursery closed** (in-service day)

12th to 16th October - **Nursery closed** (October holidays) except for children whose sessions are 52 weeks of the year

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