

# NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear families,

First of all, welcome to all of our new children and their families and welcome back to those who have attended before!

It has been a different start to the new term for obvious reasons, but the children have done so well settling in and getting used to the new environment.

## **COVID-19 Update**

We have still got lots of covid 19 restrictions in place that look likely to be set for at least the next term, that means we only have toys and equipment out that can be easily cleaned between use and all soft furnishings have been put away. For further information please see our covid 19 risk assessment which was sent in a previous email. This risk assessment will be updated as and when different risks arise and you will be informed, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Please can we remind you that everything set out in our previous email with regards to dropping off, during the day and picking up still stands. Hand sanitiser is also on the gate for our families to use and children and staff wash their hands on arrival to the setting and also throughout the day.

Face coverings are not mandatory for our setting or for parents/carers whilst dropping their children off/picking up. However, we no longer have a one way system and you may be passing other families whilst walking along the pathway to and from Pre School, therefore, if you feel you would like to wear a face covering please do so. The risk of transmitting Covid 19 outside is lower so we are currently not making it mandatory but we do reserve the right to change this with short notice.

Again, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions etc.

Please can you ensure that your child has a bag of spare clothes at Pre School, the bag will only be returned if your child has needed to be changed, we then request that you please bring the bag back with another full change of clothes in the next time they attend Pre School. Please note the children will be outside whatever the weather!

I have to point out we cannot eliminate ALL risks, we cannot safely say that no one will come into contact with the virus but we are doing everything we can to help 'control the virus'.

At the start of a new school term, especially as we change into Autumn and Winter it is inevitable that children will develop common colds, runny noses etc. We are happy, provided your child is well enough that they can still attend Pre School, however, if your child develops one or more of the Covid-19 symptoms then you will need to inform us (or collect your child if symptoms have developed whilst in our care), self-isolate and book a test. All advice for parents during the covid-19 pandemic can be found on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or please see a member of staff who will guide you.

## **Building Works**

As you will have seen building works are being carried out at Pre School. The Pre School is looking fab and we cannot wait for it to be finished and the scaffolding to come down so we can see it properly!! We only have one way in and out of Pre School for dropping off and collecting and we are requesting all parents use this please. The school's risk assessment does not allow any families to walk through their car park and also the builders are using the other entrance to bring their tools and equipment in and we want to keep everyone safe.

## **Bunnies and Deer**

As you are aware over the Summer holidays we have transformed our Pre School room, so we are now able to accommodate Under 2s in their very own designated space. Our under 2s area will be known as Bunnies and the 2years and over will be known as Deer. The children will start to become

familiar with these names as we have been talking about it during our day, so if they mention it you are aware what they mean!

### **Themes**

Over the next half term we are going to be looking at Autumn, the changes of weather and seasons, alongside pumpkins and Halloween.

### **Tapestry**

Everyone is now using our online learning journal 'Tapestry'. This is where staff will upload observations, pictures, videos etc of your child. Each day their care diary will be filled in so you have a little insight into their day and what they've eaten etc. If you wish to upload things that the children have done at home with you then please feel free, we love to work in partnership with parents so learning about what your children have done at home is great! Thank you to everyone who has already shared things with us, it has been lovely to see!

### **Sharing Information**

If your child attends another setting (whether funding is shared or not) please could you let us know the setting details and the days your child attends there. As part of working in partnership we fill in a 'sharing information form' each term to share where your child is and how they are getting on at our setting. This is shared with you as parents too but it just helps to ensure everyone is working collectively in the best interests of your child. Likewise, if your child has moved to us from another setting we would also be grateful for their information so we can gain more information too.

### **Facebook**

Don't forget if you are on Facebook to give our Pre School page a like and follow us for different activity ideas and to keep up to date with information and of course photos of your children's days at Pre School!

Have a lovely weekend  
The Pre School Team