



Dear Parents and Carers

We are absolutely delighted to welcome all your wonderful children back to Mayfield Nursery School this morning. We have missed you all and are looking forward to learning through play and being part of our nursery community once again.

Please read this newsletter for the first of our updates. Remember if you have any questions at all, just phone or email us as communication in person is difficult with physical distancing and face masks.

Keeping our Community Safe

We are working hard in nursery to ensure that we keep the nursery as safe as we can. We have read the Scottish Government guidance and have used this to carry out risk assessments. These risk assessments then underpin all our policies, procedures and guidance. All risk assessments, policies, procedures and guidance have been updated to ensure that we are following the latest guidance.

The First Minister has also made it clear that everyone has a part to play in keeping our communities safe. You have helped us so much already. Please can you keep helping us by doing the following:

1. Wearing a face mask at nursery drop off and collection times. If you are exempt please can you let us know either by speaking to a member of staff or emailing the nursery.
2. Making sure you remain 2m distance from all other adults. If you need to chat to us please phone us or let staff know you would like a phone call. We are keen to speak to you. We need to work together to do this safely. This is really important as medical evidence shows that the main area of risk when opening nursery is adult to adult transmission.
3. Please remember that if your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they need to get a PCR test, stay at home and your whole household needs to isolate until you know the result of the test.
4. Please be patient with us. The guidance means that if your child has symptoms we have to act on this.
5. Help your child wash their hands at home. If you would like a copy of the handwashing poster for home let us know. You can also find this on our website.

We really do appreciate everyone supporting our guidelines, many thanks. We are updating the document about what this means for nursery and will put it on our website this week. If you would like a copy please let us know. If you have any questions please just ask. We are happy to talk about everything we are doing to keep our whole community safe.

Staff changes

Mrs Winning, Senior Early Years Practitioner in the Sunshine room has now returned to nursery, welcome back! It is lovely to see you.

Congratulations & best wishes to Mrs H, ICAN teacher who retired at Christmas time. You will always have a special place in the hearts of us here at Mayfield Nursery School.

Good luck to Abbie Drummond Modern Apprentice who has now moved on to her new placement within the local authority.

New staff - We would like to welcome Acting Senior Early Years practitioner, Kirsty Gregor to Mayfield Nursery School. Kirsty will be in the Rainbow room whilst Mrs Haining is absent. Also in the Rainbow room we welcome Early Years practitioner Nikki Watson. Welcome also to Learning Assistant Nicky Wood who is joining the Acorn room.

Our staff photos on our website will be updated shortly.

Contact details

We know how quickly things can change just now so please remember to let us know if there are any changes to address, telephone number or email address.

Care Plans and Medical Forms

To make sure that we can care for your child in the best way possible key workers will be contacting you to update your child's care plan. If your child has medication at nursery they will also contact you to review this to ensure that everything is up to date.

Seesaw

Last week we sent out information about Seesaw. This included the information sheet with some tips to get you started. Now we are back at nursery, we will hand out consent forms and once these are signed you will get the information about your child's account and how to access it. If you would like a paper copy of the information please let us know. If you need any support with this please email us and someone will be in touch with you. We are just learning about Seesaw too and we look forward to learning together with you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to chat something through. We are happy to answer any question and to discuss anything that you would like to talk about. We miss having parents and carers in our nursery and we are so grateful for your support of everything we do. It is always a pleasure to talk to you and you and your concerns are important to us.

We will continue to send emails and newsletters, please watch your email.

With very best wishes to all our wonderful families, we love working with you and your children and being part of such a supportive and caring community.

Lisa Barnes

Head Teacher