



Mayfield Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term. It is fabulous to be back together, playing and learning. Your children have settled back into nursery really well. Of course this is Scotland and we have had a variety of weather so warm layers are still essential.

### **Covid-19 and Staying Safe**

We would like to reassure all of you that whilst we are no longer in lockdown, we are operating under Level 3 restrictions. The following infographic produced by the Scottish Government shows the seven key mitigations that we are following here at Mayfield Nursery School.

**The core mitigations that staff & settings should be following are:**

- Limiting children's contacts by managing cohort sizes
- Enhanced hygiene & cleaning practice
- Test and Protect measures for all
- Maximising the use of outdoor space & access to fresh air
- 2 metre physical distancing between adults
- Strict adherence to self-isolation for those with symptoms
- The use of face coverings in communal staff areas

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Thank you for helping us all to stay safe. Along with this newsletter we have attached the updated version of "How we are implementing Scottish Government Guidance on Reducing the Risks from COVID-19" here at Mayfield Nursery School.

Please do not hesitate to call us or speak to your child's key worker if you have any questions or would like to chat something through with us. We are so proud of our community and how you have all worked so hard to keep us all as safe as we can be.

## Transition to P1



Because of the current restrictions planning for transition to P1 is still ongoing. Support for transition to P1 will include things like:

- Zoom sessions for parents looking at “Hopes and fears and what we can all do to support a smooth transition to school”
- Information and experiences linked to the stories we will be using in the next 6 weeks to support children’s transition in terms of social and emotional development as well as their learning
- Information about who can support you and your child during this time
- Parent consultations to discuss your child’s progress and your child’s transition report. Due to restrictions this will probably be over the phone.

The first of this information will be with you soon. Because of the current restrictions some plans depend on what level of restrictions we are working under by June, so some plans will come later. Please rest assured we are all working committed to working together to ensure that your child makes a smooth transition, settles well at school and thrives. If you have any questions or would like a chat please just phone the nursery or speak to your child’s key worker.

## Support for Families – in partnership with Home Link Family Support

We are really lucky to work with Hilary Elliot who is an Early Years Family Practitioner with Home Link Family Support. Hilary works with Mayfield Nursery School families to support with a variety of things. Please see her attached leaflet which gives some examples of what she can help you with.

We have also attached some information about Sleep Advice Support and Toilet Training Support and Advice. If you have any questions you can speak to your key worker, Mamie McKenna or Lisa Barnes or you can contact Hilary direct. Her details are on the attached information.

## Seesaw

Towards the end of the last lockdown we added Seesaw to the other ways that your child can let us know about things that they are interested in doing at home, what they are learning about and what is special to them. Some of you are used to using it with older children and some children really enjoy this link between home and nursery. If you are unsure as to how to reply to nursery posts or would like to post something and don’t know how to do it, here are links to Seesaw guides and videos to help you.

### How do I add my child’s journal?

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/206514655-I-m-a-Family-member-How-do-I-add-my-child-s-journal->

### How to add comments, voice messages & videos to journal posts

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/205803229-Can-I-add-photos-and-videos-as-a-family-member->

If you have any questions or would like a member of staff to talk you through it please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Many thanks for your continued support everyone, we are very proud of our Mayfield Nursery School community. Please just ask if you have any questions, we are always happy to have a conversation and see if we can help. You can speak to a member of staff at any time or phone the nursery for a longer conversation.

Take care of yourselves

With best wishes

Lisa Barnes