



Mayfield Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

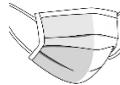
Firstly we would all like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your support, understanding and patience throughout the year. Covid-19 has meant that we have had to work in different ways and we really miss welcoming you all into our lovely nursery. Your support and understanding about what we need to do to keep everyone safe means so much to us. We have felt very supported by you and the community and at a difficult time this has been such a positive. We continue to focus on keeping our nursery open and playing and learning with your wonderful children.

Sunny Weather

When it is sunny, if your child has a sun hat, please can you bring it to nursery. This really helps us keep children safe in the sun. Please remember to put their name inside their hat. If you can apply sun cream before your child comes to nursery this is really helpful too. We will continue to apply sun cream regularly.



Covid-19 and Staying Safe



Whilst the number of cases in Midlothian is lower now, there are still positive cases of Covid-19 identified on a daily basis. The Health Protection Team and Scottish Government continue to urge us to be careful and cautious to ensure our community is safe.

As you know our priority is to keep the nursery open. This takes all of us and we really do appreciate your support. We are still making sure that we follow the key mitigations that will keep us all safe.

We are still taking the following measures to keep everyone safe:

- Limiting children's contacts by ensuring they are in one class and classes do not mix inside or outside
- Enhanced hand washing for children and for adults – the children are really good at following the pictures to wash their hands really thoroughly
- Enhanced cleaning of resources inside and outside
- Maximising the use of outside spaces as this really does reduce the risk
- Adults keeping 2m apart
- Adult wearing face masks inside, when meeting other adults outside e.g. drop off and collection and when in communal areas
- All staff are participating in lateral flow testing
- Any member of staff with any symptoms goes for a PCR test and their whole household isolates until a negative test result is received

You can continue to help us keep everyone safe by keeping on:

- Physically distancing from other parents and carers at drop off and pick up
- Wearing a face covering at drop off and pick up, unless medically exempt
- Getting your child a PCR test if they have symptoms – if you are unsure then please just phone us to talk it through

Thank you for helping us all to stay safe. 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.

End of Term

Nursery closes for the summer holidays on Friday 25th June 2021. Covid-19 restrictions mean that we have to do things differently this year. Sadly this means we cannot invite parents and carers to join us for the Leavers Ceremonies where we celebrate the end of nursery for the children going to school. We are all very sad about this.

We are focussing on how we can make this a lovely time for your child. We remember that this time last year the children were not in nursery and so we are happy to be able to have all children in nursery. We will have small ceremonies in each room and each child will get their certificate to bring home. We will post a record of your child receiving their certificate either as a photo or a very short video on Seesaw.

Saying thank you to staff

I know from speaking to parents and carers that you often like to give a small gift to your child's key worker at the end of the year. Covid-19 restrictions mean that this is not possible again. Please be assured that we really enjoy working at Mayfield Nursery School and it is a privilege for us to look after your children during their time here. If you have a message of thanks for staff please email us as your words of kindness and support mean so much to us. These thanks are a true gift.



Parent Consultations

For children leaving nursery to go to P1 you will receive a report about them as a learner. Your child's key worker will carry out a phone consultation to discuss your child's learning and progress, their report and any questions you have about transition to P1.

For children that are returning to nursery next session your child's key worker will carry out a phone consultation with you to discuss your child's learning and progress.

If you have any questions please phone the nursery or ask a member of staff.

Transition to P1

Children are enjoying the Midmouse transition mice who have taken up residence in the nursery. Each room has a mouse and just before the end of term every child will get their own transition mouse. We are enjoying the stories that all children going to P1 in Midlothian are reading. We will be watching the virtual tours of your child's primary school with them at nursery too.



Look out for the information from your child's school about transition, Seesaw accounts for your child and other useful information.

If you have any questions please just ask.

Finally

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

Head Teacher