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### **Attendance and punctuality at Nursery**

**Well done to the 43 children who had over 90% attendance this term.**

Attending every session means 100% attendance and ensures your child has full access to our curriculum. Missing 10 sessions per year is 95% attendance. Missing 30 sessions is 85% attendance which means a child has missed 6 weeks or half a term of school by the end of the year.

#### **Illness:**

We understand there are a number of different illnesses and infections around, If your child has a temperature & does not feel well do not bring your child to school. If COVID rates increase we will introduce additional control measures when coming onto site. Following an episode of sickness or diarrhoea do not bring your child to Nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to ensure the health and safety of all the children.

As there has been an increase in the Strep A infection, Respiratory infections and Scarlet Fever, please see our attached letter for further information and advice.

**Call school on 0121 675 4617 to notify us of any sickness absence.**

Do ensure that you sign up to receive emergency text messages through our School Life App so that you are kept informed of any changes.

### **Nursery updates**

All children have settled well in to nursery this term. If you have any questions or concerns please discuss these with your child's key person.

If you haven't already please provided spare clothes and personal care items like nappies and wipes in your child's bag and store on your child's peg.

#### **Winter weather**

As the weather is changing please ensure your children are dressed in appropriate clothing with a coat and hat for outdoor learning, as we go outside everyday whatever the weather.

#### **Messy play experiences**

As children have access to many messy play activities on a daily basis, please bring your child in old clothes.

#### **Toilet training**

Many parents request support with toilet training, please speak to your child's key person if this is something you feel your child is ready for and we can support in nursery. Please dress your child in clothes that support independence when toileting eg jogging bottoms rather than clothes with

buttons. Please see the Local offer Website for more information on toileting strategies.

### **Every Child has the Right to the best possible Health**

If you have any concerns about your child's health or development speak to your child's key person. Our **Special Educational Needs Teacher (SENCO ) is Yvonne Spoors**. Our **Start well lead is Stephanie Johnston**. Start well promotes healthy lifestyle messages.

Please visit the Birmingham local offer website for more information and webinars which offer support on all different areas of child development.

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

#### **Medical conditions**

Please inform your key person know if your child has a medical condition or an allergy so we can do a care plan to keep your child safe, or if **there has been any recent changes to their medication**.

#### **Oral health**

**Are you and your child registered with a dentist?** If you are not registered with a dentist please prioritise signing up with your local dentist. It is highly important for children under 5 to begin to visit the dentist and have regular oral health check-ups. Please ensure your child is brushing their teeth every morning and night.

#### **Dummies**

Parents please be aware dummy use can have a huge impact on children's speech and language development. Wherever possible please limit dummy use to enable your child to have the best start in their speech and language development. If you would like advice on how to transition your child from using a dummy please ask your key person.

#### **Bottle to cup**

Children in nursery are learning to independently drink from a cup, we would love it if you can do this at home too. If your children use a bottle to drink with, try to swap this for a cup. This will help with their dental and oral health as well as their speech and language development.

#### **Healthy Lunch boxes**

**Packed lunches should include the following types of foods everyday:**

- A starchy food such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, or cous cous.
- At least 1 portion of fruit or vegetables, ideally 2.
- A calcium-rich food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, or fromage frais.
- A food such as meat, fish, eggs, or beans – these contain protein and iron.
- A drink of water or milk.



#### **NO NUTS IN SCHOOL**

Due to a number of children with allergies, to keep all children safe, we would like to remind parents **not** to bring any foods containing NUTs in to school.

### **Applications for School**

Please note the **deadline for school applications is 15/01/2023**. If you have not already applied please do so. If you need any support please ask your child's key person or office staff

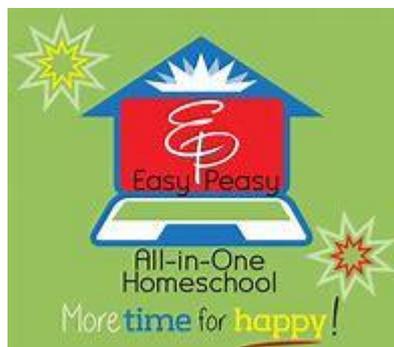
### **Home Learning**

Please access the 50 things to do App and Easy Peasy app for ideas of how to support your child's learning at home. We would also like to signpost you to our website and Tapestry for more home learning activity ideas to do at home.



**50 Things To Do Before You're Five** is a free app offering a menu of low or no cost exciting activities indoors & outdoors for families with young children in Birmingham, giving great suggestions for how to have fun and learn at the same time. You can find the app in the store on any Android or Apple Device or simply scan the barcode on the posters on display in school.

**Easy Peasy home school app** – download and support your child's learning at home



### **Safeguarding**

#### **Every Child has the Right to be Safe**

Please report any safeguarding concerns to our designated safeguarding lead, Sharon Lewis – Executive Headteacher or a member of the Deputy DSL team; Lauren Coates (Deputy Head Teacher), Sadia Carter—Mirza (School Business Manager), Yvonne Spoor (SENCO), Alisha Rafiq (Office Manager), Nazmeen Shaffique (Teacher) or Stephanie Johnston (Teacher) before leaving site.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Christmas Party day: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Share a story and Pyjama day: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Last Day of term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### **NEXT TERM**

- Return to school for Spring Term: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Training Day: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January—School closed to all children for staff Training

**We would like to wish you all a Happy holiday and a Happy New Year.**

**If you need any support over the holidays please contact:**

**Dyson Gardens Children Centre on 0121 7521950**

**Or find your most local children's centre using the following link:**

<https://bhamforwardsteps.co.uk/childrens-centres/>

**CASS – Children's Advice and Information Service: 0121 6754617**

**Food Bank: Green Lane Mosque**

**20 Green Lane, Small Heath, Birmingham B9 5DB**

**0121 713 0080**

**Early Help – Family Action: Phone/ Text/ WhatsApp on: 07976199894**

**Email: [earlyhelp-hodgehill@family-action.org.uk](mailto:earlyhelp-hodgehill@family-action.org.uk)**

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