



Newark Nursery School

Newsletter

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### Welcome Back!

We are all so happy to be back together again. The children have all settled back into our daily routine and are so happy to be with their friends again.

We really missed the children during lockdown and appreciate all the home learning and fabulous photo's posted on our twitter page. It is fantastic and helps us to stay connected in such difficult times.

We are still operating our bubble system within the nursery. Bubble 1 is blue, green and purple groups, Bubble 2 is the red, white and yellow groups. And Bubble 3 is orange and pink groups.

### New Children

At last we have been able to welcome our new children to Newark. Aaron has joined the green group, Olivia the pink group, Raina, Millie and Conie are in the blue group and Arlo is in the Yellow. It is a pleasure to have you in our Newark family we hope you have a great time with us.

### Learning Stories /Pictures

Children will take home all their paintings and pictures from the week on a Friday, Remember to quarantine them, they will also have their learning stories, a wee snap shot of the learning they have been taking part in over the week.

### COVID- 19 Symptoms REMINDER

If your child has symptoms or anyone at home has symptoms please follow the guidance of self-isolating and booking a test. The WHOLE family have to self-isolate, this is in line with Scottish Governments and Care Inspectorate guidance. If your child displays symptoms at nursery we will contact you to pick up your wee one, and seek advice from NHS Scotland.

### Outdoor Learning

All our children have access daily to outdoor play. We have provided children with their own outdoor coat or puddle suit. This is to prevent the children's own coats from getting wet, we appreciate they need them dry to wear home. Coats and puddle suits are kept in the playroom in the children's own bubbles. We will support children to get them on but will be encouraging the children to develop self- help skills, putting on and taking off their own coats and shoes, the children manage better if they have Velcro trainers that are easy for them to put on and take off.

We would like to ask parents that as we are out every day please dress for the weather, and make sure your child has a cardigan or jumper on or with them in their school bags. We would also ask that you put a change of clothes in school bags especially a few pairs of socks, somehow the children always manage to get wet feet even with their wellies on! Thanks.

### Absence

If your wee one isn't coming to nursery please let us know. We need to order lunch by 9.30 am. If we don't hear from you we will call you as part of our managing attendance. As a safe guarding issue it is really important that we can account for all our children, if we can't contact parents or the emergency contact then we wouldn't hesitate to call the police.



### Lunches

Just to remind you all how well our children do at going through to the canteen in the school for lunch.

They are very familiar with their surrounding and cope extremely well walking through the school. This is good experience for when our pre-schoolers start school in August.

The children are so busy in the morning that by lunchtime they are ready for their lunch and are super at eating it all. They are always complimented by the canteen staff on their good manners and super behaviour

### Allergies

We have children with a variety of allergies and ask that no food stuffs come into nursery. We are a nut free environment.

### Toys

Please can we ask that toys stay at home? Government guidance tells us that we cannot have anything brought in from home for Health and Safety.

### Twitter - @newarknursery

As we can't have you in to the nursery to see all the learning your wee one has been participating in we try very hard to post daily pictures on our twitter page for you. You will see from the pictures how creative our children are and how well they have adapted to our new routines. We are so proud of them! If you don't follow us please send a request.

### Phonics Friday

Our Children are read to everyday, however on a Friday we always have a particular focus on nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes are a great way to learn early phonic skills, giving the children practice with volume, pitch and language rhythm. They recognise that similar sounding words share spelling sequences in the written form. Children who know at least 8 rhymes really well are said to develop good reading and writing skills in school.

### Website

Please have a look at our new website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/newarknur/> where you will find lots more information about what goes on at Newark.

### Infection Control

We continue to promote personal hygiene by encouraging our children to wash their hands more often. They are supported to follow our routine of washing hands when they arrive, coming in from outdoor learning, before snack and lunch and after using the toilet. All our surfaces are regularly cleaned throughout the day by staff.

### Social Distancing.

Can you please continue to help us by following our social distance policy, all adults must remain 2 meters apart. All adults must also wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children. The playground has been marked off for you to wait safely. We also ask that as soon as you have picked up or dropped off your child you leave the school grounds. Thank you.

### Easter Holidays - 02/04/21 - 19/04/21

School closes on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, unfortunately again due to Covid 19 we won't be able to have our parents in for Easter crafts but we will prepare an Easter learning pack for the children to take home for the holidays.

### Car Park

Please can we remind you that the carpark is for staff and disabled drivers. We are very conscious of the possibility of a wee one getting hurt by the amount of cars coming in and out of the car park. Please keep this a safe environment and remember we have to ensure that our emergency services have free access to the school at all times.