



Newark Nursery School

Newsletter

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### Social Distancing. - REMINDER

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.

### 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.

### Transitions

54 of our children will be making the transition into primary school in August. This term we will be focussing on a shared topic with the P rimaries of 'Shark in the Park'. Our children are very familiar with this story and we will have lots of learning experience for the children to enjoy.

Each of our feeder primary schools will have their own transition timetable and will make contact with you directly, unfortunately due to the Covid situation we are not allowed to participate in our usual transition programme but will support every child as best as we possibly can. Our children will be receiving their transition report which your child's keyworker will share with you in May prior to it going to school. Those children who require an enhanced transition will be supported with this and their school will receive a 'passport' of important information to help them settle. It has been a great pleasure having your wee ones at Newark, we will be sorry to see them leave, but proud of how well they have coped with the changes they have been faced with and how they have developed and matured in the past year.

### 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.

(Children with skin complaints are supported to use their own prescribed creams)

### Personal Learning Plans PLP'S

Almost all our children will receive their updated PLP on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to ask if you can read over it, sign it and perhaps make a comment with your thoughts before returning it back to us. This helps us to support our children as best as we possibly can.



## 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. **SUN CREAM AND HATS** are necessary for the days we have good weather. We have no issues with topping up sun cream to children but as we have 80 children this is very time consuming especially considering the Covid regulations we have to follow. A long lasting sun cream is available and we suggest this may be a better option. Can you also make sure your child has a cardigan or jumper on or with them in their school bags, both in cold weather and in warm weather? A change of clothes in school bags especially a few pairs of socks, is appreciated too, somehow the children always manage to get wet feet even with their wellies on!

Please put your child's name on all their clothing! Thanks.

## Holidays in MAY/JUNE

Our May Day holiday is on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, nursery is open again on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>.

We also have a long weekend at the end of May, school closes on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and we are closed Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> followed by in-service training for staff on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Nursery will reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## 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.

## 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.

## New Lunch Menu.

We now have our new lunch menu from the school canteen. Our children will have homemade soup 3 days per week and a dessert 2 days. The children are doing so well with their lunch and are developing great social skills. Well done everyone!

## Photographer

Normally at this time of year we invite Tempest the school photographer into the nursery, however again in line with Covid regulations and to minimise those we come in contact with we won't be able to do photo's this year. We, like everyone are looking forward to getting back to normal where we can participate in all our usual routines. Fingers crossed this will be sooner rather than later.

## Toys REMINDER

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. If your wee one does need to bring a comfort with them we will encourage them to keep them safe in their schoolbags.

## Car Park REMINDER

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.