



Newark Nursery School

Newsletter

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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.

COVID- 19 Symptoms

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.

Christmas

As with everything this year COVID has had an effect on how we can celebrate Christmas. Unfortunately we won't be allowed to have a Nativity, however we do have plans for an alternative virtual Christmas production which we hope to share with you on the 18th of December.

Our Christmas party will also be a bit different, we will celebrate in our bubbles and enjoy our Christmas lunch through in the canteen also on the 18th. We are hoping to have a special delivery from the man in the big red suit! Hopefully he will pass by our nursery long enough for the children to see him leave their gifts at the door.

The children will also be getting a Christmas craft bag which we hope you will help them to complete at home. Again, another casualty of Covid that our parents can't come in to join in with creative crafts.

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. Thank you for helping keep us all safe.

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.

Drop off Times

As we now are experiencing dreadful weather we are trying to get our children in as quickly as possible in the morning. We are trying to leave as little time as possible between groups coming in. If you are late staff will ask you to wait until there is a break between groups. We simply don't have the staff to support children to get their coats off and get them to their key workers who have already left the cloakroom with their groups. Thank you for supporting us in this.



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 coats and hanging them up.

We would like to ask parents that as we are out every day please dress for the weather. 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!

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.

Child Protection

It is everyone's job to keep all children safe. At Newark we are duty bound to report any concerns regarding a child's health and safety to the appropriate authority. If a situation arose that concerned us, Hazel would contact parents to inform them of our intention to pass information on. This is in line with our child protection procedures.

Lunches

All our children are doing fantastic at the canteen. They have become very familiar with their surrounding and cope extremely well walking through the school, so good that we are often complemented by school staff on how well behaved all 74 children are. The children are so busy in the morning that by lunchtime they are ready for their food and are super at eating it all.

We have a lunch time trophy which every group is delighted to get the opportunity to win.

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

Thank You

We would like to thank all our parents for their support, patience and understanding. We miss having you all in the playroom and know how hard it is to leave your wee one at the door. Keyworkers will see the wee ones out at the end of the day to share information or answer any questions you might have. The staff wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year, and look forward to 2021!

Telephone Calls

We have been calling parents last week and this week to give you an update on children's progress

The staff have really enjoyed the opportunity to call you and have a wee chat about your wee one and how they are getting on at Newark. If you missed your call and would like to catch up with the keyworker please mention to them at the door when picking children up at the end of the day.

Website

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

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.