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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 1!

The nursery staff look forward to welcoming your child to Dunrossness Nursery, whether they are returning for their second year or are newly beginning their nursery education. Our staffing this year comprises:

- Mrs Kathleen Mulla - Nursery Teacher (maternity leave starting 14th September, vacancy currently advertised)
- Mrs Sadie Meadows - Senior Practitioner, Mon-Fri
- Mrs Amy Colvin - Practitioner, Mon-Thu
- Mrs Leona Smith - Practitioner, Tue-Fri
- Miss Curstaidh Mackay - Practitioner Mon/Fri, Support Worker Tue-Thu
- Mrs Jay Dutch - Support Worker, Mon-Fri
- Mrs Amanda Fraser - Support Worker, Mon/Fri
- Miss Ella Roberts - Modern Apprentice, Mon-Fri

Interim Arrangements

Our pre-schoolers will return on Monday 17 August and our new starts (ante-preschoolers) begin during the week beginning 24 August. Everyone has been allocated either a morning (8.30am-12.30pm) or afternoon (1.30pm-5.30pm) session for the weeks beginning 17 and 24 August, following which we will return to full/flexible hours.

Staffing for the sessions are as follows (on their usual working days, as above):

Morning Sessions: Mrs Smith, Mrs Colvin, Mrs Dutch, Mrs Fraser and Miss Roberts

Afternoon Sessions: Mrs Meadows and Miss Mackay

Entry and exit points

Please could all nursery pupils enter and exit the school grounds via the **side gate**. This is located on the side road opposite our out of school club building and will take you directly into the nursery playground. If the area looks congested, please wait until it has cleared a little before entering to allow for 2m social distancing between all adults.

Once in the nursery playground, hands should be washed and sanitised using our outdoor handwashing station. If you have other siblings with you at drop-off/pickup who are not in buggies/car seats/slings, we would ask that they also have their hands washed. We have been asked that **parents**

do not enter the school building, so a staff member will greet you outdoors or at the fire door into the nursery. They will then help your child enter the session and put their jackets/bags on the coat pegs inside. If your child needs your support to settle into the session, we have been instructed that this should take place outside. We understand that this may be challenging, but we are here to help both you and your child, and have lots of experience in supporting pupils. Please take as long as you feel is right to support your child settle in; staff will support each family's needs.

Spaces/Rooms in use

We have been advised by central service that we can extend numbers of pupils in our sessions beyond groups of 8. With this in mind, our morning session will have up to 16 pupils and our afternoon session up to 8 pupils. The morning session will have access to both our nursery play rooms plus the nursery playground, and the afternoon session will have access to the main playroom plus the nursery playground. We like to get 'out and about' when we can so may access other outdoor areas of the school grounds, too. All equipment/resources will be cleaned between sessions. With this in mind, we ask that children **do not bring in toys from home**. If your child needs a comfort object to help them settle, we can discuss this on an individual basis to ensure safety protocols are met.

Each session will be provided with a snack during the interim period. There will be no lunch time during the session. When we return to full hours, a packed-lunch style meal will be provided for pupils in the setting over the lunchtime period (11.45am-1.15pm), unless you wish to provide your own packed lunch for your child. Our head cook, Mrs Donna-Louise Duncan, has posted example menus on our Parent Council Facebook page - do join at 'Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council' if you aren't already a member.

Please remember to send your child to nursery equipped with suitable outdoor wear for extended periods. A waterproof jacket, pair of wellie boots and spare pair of trousers would suffice. **If providing suitable clothing or footwear for playing outside poses a difficulty for your family, please contact the school or email the Nursery email address and we will be able to help with this.**

A reminder to please let us know of the times/days you intend your child to attend during the interim period by emailing dunrossnessnursery@shetland.gov.uk. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are using your full 5 x 4-hour allocation. As always, don't hesitate to contact the school or nursery if there is anything else we can help you with. All the very best for a happy and safe start to the new school year!

Best wishes,

Kathleen Mullay

Nursery Teacher
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