

November and December Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a good half term and hope that it wasn't too spoilt by the weather. As we start the second half of the Autumn Term, we know that we are all going to be faced with further lockdowns from 5th November. This is going to be a hard month for us all to face. We can only hope that this united effort will help to stop the spread of infection further; something that none of us want.

The Government have announced for all education sectors to remain open and function as normal but we will still advise for precautions, safety and to stay home to stop the transporting of infection if possible.

A lot of parents have asked us if they can remain off for the month without losing their place at nursery. Yes, indeed you may stay home, reduce your days, hours and sessions. We understand the dilemma everyone is under, Health, Safety and every person lives matter in our community. Please stay home if you have any kind of vulnerability, older parents, grandparents, and greater health conditions. Not only are you protecting them but all of the others around you. Again, we are at a critical stage and this may revert us back to reduced hours and sessions and some bubble working, but we will update you.

What's more, given we are being asked to remain open at such a frightening and worrying time, it's vital that all early year's providers are able to feel confident that they can keep themselves, their staff, the children in their care and their own families safe at such worrying times.

Only go out for essentials, to work if you can't work from home or accessing education. We are open and operating as usual at the moment but this could soon change with very little notice.

We are encouraging only one parent drop off and pick up. Please wear your masks, stand at least 2 meters apart and please pick up your child on time or when you finish your work.

Please stand outside our patio door and not come inside unless we ask you to.

Please confirm with Reena if you will not be attending during the lockdown so we can make a note of it.

Important School Admission

**Children born between
1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017
start school in September 2021**
Apply online, visit our website
www.richmond.gov.uk
**The closing date is
15 January 2021**

For information and advice contact
School Admissions on 020 8547 5569
E: richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Starting Primary School
in Richmond upon Thames
September 2021,
please apply.

Don't be late.

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30-hour code

Please do not forget to renew your codes in time. Always do them a month before the new term is to start. We have many parents who miss out as they get late or simply forget. It is your responsibility and not the nursery for the codes. Please provide the details once you are approved for our portal. Codes need to be renewed every 3 months.

Outdoor play/Clothing

In order to make sure the children can still access outdoor play in all weathers all please hand in a pair of wellington boots for your child's use in nursery if you have not done so already. Please provide coats as we access the outdoors in all weathers. There is no such thing as bad weather as long as you are prepped for the outdoors and then it's fun learning. PLEASE LABEL/NAME ALL CLOTHING ITEMS. Also please return back any clothes lent/borrowed to you washed and dried.

Sickness/Absences

Please report all sicknesses on the day or why your child is off from nursery in the morning. We appreciate the reason of absence. If you are suffering from a temperature, colds, coughs, please do not come to nursery until you are well enough. If you have Diarrhoea or Vomiting please stay off 72 hrs from the last episode. We will not accept children who have been given Calpol in the morning to suppress fever symptoms into the nursery. If you or anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms then please isolate and notify us.

Parking

Please do not park in either side of the neighbours parking as we have had many complaints and incidents. Please park around the corner rather than anyone else's drive way. This is a humble a request.

Toys from home

If possible, children should be discouraged from bringing soft toys and other comforters into the setting. We understand some children will require a comforter or favourite toy close to hand if they are settling or at sleep time. If that is the case it will be important to ensure other children do not handle that item.

Tooth Brushing at Nursery

Supervised toothbrushing programmes are re-established within the nursery using the dry brushing method. The wet brushing model is not recommended because it is considered more likely to risk droplet and contact transmission and offers no additional benefit to oral health over dry toothbrushing.

Quick reminders from the Teachers

- Please label all children's items of clothing, bags, lunch boxes, bottles and inside of shoes.
- Please bring enough pants if they are potty training.
- Remember potty training starts at home not the nursery, we only reinforce it when the child and the family are working on this together.
- Please leave children's bags here all week for less transportation in and out of the nursery. We will return any wet/dirty clothes to you.
- Please inform us if you are not attending these 4 weeks so the keyperson can make a note on First Steps.

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General Date/Event Reminders

Important dates for November:

- BBC Children in Need FANCY DRESS 2 weeks of Fun week 9th – 20th
(£2 donation per child)
- INSET DAY Monday 30th November Nursery is closed for Staff Training

Important dates for December:

- Parents Evening 2nd Dec from 6pm to 9pm (to be reconfirmed/rescheduled after Lockdown)
- Christmas Lunch for children Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th
- Christmas Party in rooms for children Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th
- Last day for TERM TIME children Friday 18th
- Last Day for private paying customers Christmas Eve 24th 1pm

Finally, if your family is experiencing any financial hardship over the coming months, please do get in touch with Reena who will be able to discuss how we can best support your family and childcare needs.

Kind regards

Reena Pharma

Nursery Manager