

Little Stars Day Nursery – Newsletter July/August 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome back all our families who returned and we all look forward to welcoming some more children over the coming weeks. Others have decided to return in September with agreed terms. 'Thank you' to the parents for helping us implement all of the measures put in place and for supporting your child. And 'Thank you' to all of the staff team, who are cheerful and supportive every day!

Our re-opening plan and the safety measures put in place worked well and feedback received from parents has been positive. We of course welcome any suggestions moving forward as we continue to adapt to these changing times. Open and clear communication is key and should you have any queries or concerns, please contact Reena on email manager@littlestars-daynursery.com or 0208 894 2590.

STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

We understand that you may still have concerns, and be unsure about your child who is returning or already at nursery but we have supported key worker children beginning the lockdown and have now successfully created a welcoming and safety focused environment for everyone to enjoy. The systems we have been using have been enhanced further to reflect Government guidance and we aim to provide you reassurance that protecting our staff and your children is our priority. Working together, is also important for creating a safer environment so we ask that you work with us to ensure that anyone who is unwell does not attend our nursery. We also ask that whilst you are at home and outside the nursery that you continue with your good hygiene practices, social distancing and avoid contact with any individuals showing symptoms associated with Coronavirus. If you have doubt about your health or that of your child, we would ask that you seek and follow medical advice before coming back to nursery.

For your information: Testing is now available to anyone with symptoms of coronavirus

The government has announced that anyone with symptoms of coronavirus is now eligible to book a test, including children under the age of 5 years. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia) can book a test. A coronavirus test can be booked here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Leavers of Pre-schoolers

I would like parents to come and pick up belongings of your child from the nursery this could be their artwork, folders, reports, bags etc between the dates of **13th-17th July**, **between the times of 10 and 2pm**. We will not allow anyone inside as we have social distancing in place and will hand everything at the door by a staff member.

We will have everything bagged up and ready for collection that we have of your child. We just want to say thank you for being a part of our family and we will miss you and wish your child every success in their learning and development. Please let us know if there is anything more, we can help you with. If you have any other children, recommendations for our nursery I would be honoured to accommodate them Please put a good word out for us in the community.

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Important Dates

- 13th-17th July between 10-2pm **only for preschool parents** to collect all belongings/folders/reports for transition to schools.
- Last day of Term Wednesday 22nd July for all funded children.
- Last day for all child Thursday 27th August (children who attend all year round and are transitioning to school in September.)
- New autumn term starts Wednesday 2nd September.

August Closure

Due to demand and term finishing in July we have taken a decision to partially close down the nursery sessions in August. We had originally planned this before our opening but needed to assess the current situation and a number of other such as staff availability, childcare demand and financial sustainability.

If you attend on Mondays and Fridays please look into changing your days for the next month. We are letting you know well in advance so you can make alternative arrangements or we can accommodate you on the 3 days we are offering, Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday, 8.30 to 5pm maximum.

September we should be running back as normal with hours, sessions and cooked meals. Will update if anything changes locally or with government guidelines. But we may change how we deliver the PM sessions for funding for the Autumn term on a temporary basis, 1-4pm over 5 days for both 2- and 3-year olds. Its still a difficult time ahead trying to get things to normal and adjusting to life style changes and guidelines in staying safe and business staying a float as well.

Current availability

We have had lots of enquiries since reopening, about spaces and availability throughout the nursery. We are still offering parents the opportunity to come and view the nursery but this will take place in August when its much quiet, after sessions have finished for the day. If you are a returning parent then please call or email Reena with confirming your sessions and days for availability for September term.

New Planners

New planners will be given in September to you in person and you can always pick one up from the patio area. It will include all term dates, Staff/inset days/closures, Parent meetings etc. Any questions please do let me know. We request all parents in supporting us as always. If you have any suggestions, we are always happy to listen. A lot more news to share in the upcoming months.

Kind regards,

Reena Pharma

Nursery Manager