

"We will work in partnership with you to continue to build the unique foundations for your child's learning"

Newsletter January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish that this newsletter was able to say 'Welcome back' and 'Happy New Year'. We yet again have only a few children in school. Some of you might have seen that the Government has said that the nursery should be open to all children, however I feel unable to do this. I have written a Risk assessment which says;

In writing this RA I have considered how the school is compliant with the requirement of the Government to open, whilst ensuring the safety of the children and staff, and their families. One of the main ways that we are proposing to do this is by limiting the number of adults and children that are on site. We will keep each class to a bubble of 15 children and the same adults. Professor Callum Semple (Member of SAGE) has said "under current circumstances, every opportunity to remove social mixing and work mixing of human beings is vitally important". The infection rate nationally is estimated at 1 in 50 people in London it's 1 in 30. It is imperative that we keep everyone, children; staff; families and the wider community safe.

In order to do this, I am only allowing 15 children to be in each bubble. We have been incredibly 'lucky' in the school as we have only had one positive case in the last 9 months. However; this is not luck it is due to the incredible hard work that the staff has done to keep the children safe. They have followed all the guidelines with their families, and then worked at all time to clean and socially distance with each other so that the school will stay open. By reducing the number of children we have in school I am able to have fewer adults on site and so reduce the contact opportunities there are for the virus to pass amongst the staff. I will regularly review the Risk Assessment. It will be available on the website and up dates will be posted there if they impact the children in the school.

It is important that you realise that we will be in school every day. Please phone or email us if you have any concerns or worries. Especially if you are worried about your child. I am able to give out food bank vouchers if you would like one contact me. We understand that the Government is setting up a voucher scheme for children who would have ben entitled to Free School Meals. I will send out more information as soon as I have it.

Stay Safe - Gill Crowley



Primary School Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 then your child maybe moving into reception in a primary school. You are able to apply on line for a place on the Royal Greenwich website. Please phone the office if you need any help, 020 8311 0619 - or email & we will phone you.

We have made different packs for you to do with your child. We will have a different one for each week that your child is not in school. We would really welcome any feedback on them as we would love them to be useful to you. Each one will have a theme or a focus that links with the work that we will be doing in school so that all the children are having a similar experience. I will put a monthly newsletter in each of them, with additional ideas that you can do with your child. We will be happy to deliver these packs to you or you can book a time to collect them from us in school. We would welcome any photos you have of your children doing the activities. Please tell us if we can use them on the website so that the children can see each other. Email parentpartnership@abbeywood-nur.greenwich.sch.uk

Some of the future pack ideas we have will include;

Chinese new year in February, and we will have some chicks hatching from eggs in March, it would be lovely if the children could be back to school to see them.

We are welcoming some new children to our community and although this is not the way we would usually do this, we are very pleased that you have chosen to send your children to our school.

Star room are welcoming; Bella; Claudiu; Vilius and Imani;

Moonlight Room are welcoming Gabriel; Rebecca; Skye; Laura; Bernardo; Namami and Ilerioluwa

Space Room welcome; Shahina; Artemiy; Neveah; Bobby; Harry; Zakariya; Elias and Uroosa