

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

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Dear Parents old and new;

Welcome to the nursery that is very much the same, but in other ways very different. We will continue to hold your child at the heart of all that we do, however there are new important considerations that we also have to think about. If you are settling your child, then please wear a mask when you are inside and maintain social distancing. We have made the decision to continue with parents dropping and collecting from outside the classrooms. We have found that the children have settled to activities quickly at the start of the sessions with this in place. However, we are happy to keep this under review. (Please come and talk to me if you would like to talk about this.)

Children will continue to wash their hands as soon as they arrive and before they go home. We will also continue to ensure that the setting and the equipment is regularly cleaned. I am reviewing our Covid risk assessment, which I will be happy to share with you if you would like a copy. The main point for parents at the moment is that we continue to ask that if you are in the school settling your child you wear a mask and if at any point you wish to talk to an adult you wear a mask. The staff will also wear masks if they are talking to you.

We have returned to our pre COVID session times these are

AM 9am - 11.15/30 finish.

(all children to be collected by 11.30 as lunches are eaten at that time.)

PM 12.45 - 3/3.15 finish

(all children to be collected by 3.15 as staff need to use the time to clean and plan for the next day.)

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a '**No mobile phone**' on this site. We ask that the mobile phones are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on to the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted to the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect **your** child, we do this by banning mobile phones. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day.

Thank you



Stay and Play

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-starting our Saturday Stay and play sessions. The first one will be on the 9th October 10-11.30. More information will follow.

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school. During the next few weeks we will be sending out information for how you can activate the service. Please contact us if you have any problems after you have received the letter.

School Fund Contribution

Each half term we ask for school fund which helps us to buy the little things that we are unable to get from our budget. It pays for all the photos that we put in your child's profile, for the snacks that we give the children each day. We spend over £50 a week on fruit and snacks but we will not be able to continue to do this without your generosity.

Moving forward we will remind you about school fund through 'parent pay'. It is a voluntary contribution though and we are always grateful for the money we get.

Full days

At AWNS we are able to offer your child a full day once a week. However, this will be started when the class teacher says that your child is settled and able to stay for the longer time. Please be patient it is important that we get this right. The cost will be £3 unless you are entitled to free school meals. All 2yr olds must pay.

Learning Packs and book borrowing.

During the 'lockdowns' we provided children with 'Learning packs' that they could use at home. We had some very good feedback and requests that it should be continued. We have now developed some packs that can be borrowed from the office. They will contain books and ideas for how you can use the stories to support your child at any stage in their learning, some also have games or puzzles in them.

We will be re starting book borrowing. The books will be changed by a member of staff on the day that your child has a full day. 30 hrs children will be given a day for books to be changed by their class.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this. Gill & all the staff

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.