



Important Information for Caterpillar new starters

May 2022

A huge welcome to our new Caterpillars ☺ Thank you for choosing Caterpillars for your children - we look forward to getting to know them and you over the coming months.

It would be lovely (if you haven't already) if you could give the children a family photo to bring in for our family tree. Alternatively, you could email this to us at

Caterpillars@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk.

Please put your child's name as the subject of the email.

Please remember, we are always here to talk about any concerns/worries, just send us an email. We also love to hear about any festivals that you celebrate so that we can celebrate them with your child in Caterpillar class too!

When you drop off and collect your child from their session, please wait in line outside until you are called in by a member of staff. **Please give your child their bag to put on their peg as we are encouraging them to be increasingly independent.**

It would be really helpful if every child could bring in a change of **named** clothes (in case of any accidents). These will need to be brought in everyday and left on their peg in a **named** bag. We're afraid that we cannot keep them each day, unless your child is here full time. Please **name** everything - uniform, coats, shoes and other clothing.



If your child is still learning to use the toilet independently, please chat to us about it so that we can support your child in pre-school. If your child needs to wear 'pull-ups' whilst at pre-school, let us know and please provide a named bag with spare pull-ups, wipes and changes of clothes.

Please can we ask that parents consider their child's ability to take off and put on their own shoes. It would be great if the shoes your child wears to Caterpillars are as simple as possible for them to remove and put back on again - this helps them build confidence and independence. Many thanks.

Snack Time

Thank you for all of the payments we have received already via 'parent pay'. Please may we ask anyone who hasn't yet paid for this term's snack to do so ASAP. If there are any issues or problems, please ring the office. You DO NOT need to bring any food or water bottles from home unless your child is staying for lunch.



PE

We will have PE every Tuesday morning and afternoon. Whilst we do not change into PE kit for this activity, we do take off our socks and shoes. Please dress your children appropriately to take part. Please name shoes as we are often faced with three pairs of identical shoes or five Caterpillar sweatshirts with no names. It can be tricky matching them up!

Welly Friday

If your children attends on a Friday, please bring in a pair of **named** wellies which they can leave in school. We provide fleeces and waterproof suits for every child on this day. However, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.



Blog

On a Friday, we write a weekly blog to share some of the learning that has been happening in Caterpillar class. If you have given permission for your child to appear on the school website, then you will see pictures of your child on the blog throughout the year. The link to the blog can be found at the top of the Caterpillar class page on Millbrook Primary School's website: <http://millbrook.swindon.sch.uk/class/caterpillar-pre-school/>. Alternatively, please click on this link for direct access to our blog:

[https://sway.office.com/oRkTA1PCeT9a8IIIf?ref=Linkterpillar Blog 2 \(office.com\)](https://sway.office.com/oRkTA1PCeT9a8IIIf?ref=Linkterpillar%20Blog%202%20(office.com))

Dropping off at the beginning of the session

Please make sure you drop off your child/children at the correct time.

Morning Session 8.30 & Afternoon Children 12.30.

Our daily routines begin as soon as the children come in and we would be very grateful if you could be on time so the children on the carpet don't become distracted when any late children arrive.

Picking up at the end of the session

Please collect your child/children at the correct time. Picking up your child early or late can disrupt or upset the other children and affects our class routines.

Morning session **11.30am** (we open doors from 11.20am)

Afternoon session **3.30pm** (we open the doors from 3.20pm)

We hope your child is enjoying their time at Caterpillar Pre-school.