



# NEWS

We would like to share a warm welcome to our new to Allens Croft Families.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please note that nursery will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

### Easter Break

Monday 11th April—Friday 22 April

Day Care Places will be available for the first week only (Monday 11th-Thursday 14th April)

The Nursery will be closed to all children from Friday 15th—Tuesday 26th April .

## URGENT NOTICE

We continue to have COVID safety measures in place at the beginning and end of each session to keep us all safe:

- Please join the queue from the back, unless you have a special arrangement agreed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team due to your child's specific needs.
- Please do not stand in front of the entrance for health and safety reasons.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### **NURSERY TIMES:**

Our nursery session times are:

9am—12midday (doors will open from 11:50am)

12midday—3:00pm (doors will open from 2:30pm)

9:00—3:00pm (doors will open from 2:30pm)

**PLEASE NOTE—We open the nursery door at 11:45am on Wednesdays**, due to the large number of children that are collected on this day. **All children MUST be collected by 12pm at the latest.** Please note that children arriving for their afternoon session will not be taken into nursery until 12:00pm.

### **AFTERNOON COLLECTIONS:**

**All children must be collected by 3pm.** If you are late, you may be charged. If you require After School Club provision, please speak to the Nursery Office.

**Please Note :** Children under the age of 16 are not able to collect children from Nursery. If you require somebody aged 16-18 to collect from nursery then you must submit a request in writing to the Executive Head Teacher.

### **CLOTHES:**

Every child needs to bring a bag with at least one full change of clothes.

**Please put your child's name in ALL their removeable items of clothing, bags and bottles.**

**LUNCHES:** For children who attend for the full day. The new School Lunch Menu has been shared on Tapestry. Please ensure that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut into half, lengthways, for safety reasons. Do not put any nuts or seeds into your child's lunch box please. You will need to provide a spoon and/or fork if they have a food items that requires them to use one. Children will need a **separate drink** in their lunch box.

## DRINKS

Please make sure that your child brings a drinks bottle filled with water into nursery each day, that is clearly labelled with their name. **Please do not bring Fruit Shoots.**

## NURSERY PLACES APRIL 2022

If your child turns 3 between the 1st January and the 31st March you are entitled to 15 hours of free Nursery Funding. The Funded hours can either be used for 5 Morning (9am—12) or Afternoon (12—3pm) sessions or a beginning of the week (Monday/Tuesday 9am-3pm and Wednesday 9am—12) or an end of the week place (Wednesday 12-3pm and Thursday/Friday 9am –3 pm). This is subject to availability so please speak to the Nursery Office and complete a Change of Provision Request Form.

We are now offering places for **September 2022**. If you, or somebody you know are interested in a place, please complete a waiting list form from the Nursery Office ASAP. If your child is already in nursery there is no need for you to fill in a form.

## RECEPTION PLACES NATIONAL OFFER DATE

If you applied online and provided an email address, **you will receive an email on 19 April 2022** to tell you which school your child has been offered.

You will also be sent a formal offer letter that will be posted by 1st class post on **Tuesday 19 April 2022**. Please allow at least two working days for your letter to arrive.

Please **do not** contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the notification of your child's school place. The School Admissions team will be unable to inform you by telephone which school has been offered to your child until Friday 22 April 2022.

## **CURRICULUM UPDATE**

### **Tiny Nursery and Little Nursery Curriculum Overview**

The children have been very resilient in coming back after Christmas and have welcomed new children into both nurseries. Relationships are developing between the children, both new and pre-existing and their practitioners.

Within both nurseries, the teams have identified repetitive patterns of play, known as schemas.

In Tiny Nursery, the majority of children are fascinated by enclosing themselves and the resources that they choose to play with. They will cover themselves in paint, enclose small items into boxes, bags and fabric and find the smallest of spaces to explore and hide inside.

In Little Nursery, many of the children are exploring the concept of trajectory. This is evident in the transporting of resources back and forth, the pathways that the children build then walk up and down over and over again and the vehicles that they have been building, such as space rockets that propel them into space.

### **Big Nursery Curriculum Overview**

The children are progressing really well within all areas of the nursery. They have developed strong friendships as well as welcoming some new friends from Little Nursery.

In the Piazza, the children's key interests evident in their constructions have been pirate ships, restaurants, and parties. The practitioners have provided additional resources, such as visual provocations and additional fabrics, to enhance these interests and have conducted reflected discussions with the children to revisit their work and plan the next steps in their learning. This has enabled the children to expand their vocabularies whilst working with their peers and practitioners to develop their shared, sustained thinking skills.

The Performing Arts Studio continues to be a very busy learning environment. At the beginning of term, the studio was relocated into a larger space, which the children have been making the most of!

The children have been fascinated by recording their performances and watching them back. This has been a valuable way of them reflecting upon their learning and sharing their learning experiences with the children and practitioners that weren't present at the time of the live performance.

The children recently designed and constructed their own dancefloor, which they have embraced as an additional platform for their dance shows, fashion shows and other performances. They have worked collaboratively to create these shows, which have strengthened their relationships and developed their turn taking skills.

## **NON ATTENDANCE/SICKNESS**

Please inform us if your child is not going to be attending nursery that day, by calling (0121) 675 0362 and advise us of the reason they will be off. We need to keep a check on all child absences and illness' to make sure we are following the correct guidelines. If your child has sickness/diarrhea they must not come into nursery until this has cleared. Your child needs to remain at home 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/diarrhea.

## **MEDICATION**

We are unable to administer short term antibiotics to children during the nursery day. Please ensure that if your child needs antibiotics you discuss with your GP the best way for the medication to be administered throughout the day.

We do not administer paracetamol or ibuprofen during the school day.

Only emergency or long term medication can be administered. This will need to be prescribed by your GP and have the dispensing label with the child's name and date clearly printed.

## **COVID-19**

We continue to follow the Public Health England guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Please see our most recent letter on our Website under the Parent tab.

**If your child is displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms, we still request that they are kept at home until they are better.**

## **TAPESTRY**

Tapestry is our online learning journal, which means that you can be a 'fly on the wall' and see snapshots of your child's play and learning whilst they are at Nursery.

You should have received an activation email to follow and log in for the first time.

The Tapestry website is [Tapestry - Log In \(eylj.org\)](https://eylj.org) There is also an App that you can download via your Appstore.

*If you haven't been able to access, please speak to your key teacher or admin team.*

## **GOVERNING BOARD**

Information about our Governing Body, including the current members, can be found on our website. Since September 2018 Jakeman has been a member of the

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **We Take Safeguarding Seriously**

#### **Safeguarding is of the Utmost Importance to Us**

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Under procedures laid down by the Education Authority, the Head Teacher is responsible for child protection and has a legal obligation to take appropriate action where non-accidental injury or abuse of any kind is suspected. It is the duty of every adult coming into contact with the children to refer any concerns regarding a child's welfare to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

- David Aldworth
- Laura O'Neill
- Amanda Smith
- Claire Thorns
- Julie McCarthy
- Hannah Clay

If you have any concerns that a child has been harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure, please contact main reception as soon as possible and ask to speak to a designated person named above. Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we must consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board. The school may disclose your child's personal data to statutory bodies where we consider it necessary within the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

A copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (Sept 2021) is available on our website.

**If anything concerns you or worries you, please report it to us immediately on (0121) 675 0362**

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

eSafety is constantly in the news and of growing importance to us all. You may find these websites helpful in supporting your child when using the internet.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

#### **MOBILE PHONES**

Our e-Safety policy stipulates that mobile phones are not allowed in nursery, this includes staff, visitors and parents. We ask you not to use your phone in the building.

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