



We would like to wish all parents and carers a Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our new parents.

As you are all aware, significant number of families and staff were affected by COVID over Christmas and rising cases nationally are a concern. Please be reassured that we will continue to do everything we can to keep children, families and staff safe.

We remain confident that the whole Happy Nursery Days community will work together effectively to meet and overcome the ongoing challenges faced at this time. We thank all parents for their continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

COVID19

Given the increasing workforce pressures that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is placing on the nursery and early years in general, we recommend that all parents and staff wear a facemask when receiving and giving feedback. Children, staff and parents who are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of coronavirus must not come to the nursery, they should get tested and follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and or what to do due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone (children/staff) in the setting is unwell or develops any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, will be sent home and they should follow public health advice by getting tested and can only return to the nursery with

negative test results but those who do not receive negative LFD test results will need to complete 10 self-isolation period if not double vaccinated. I am sure you all agree that the last few days of the term was very challenging and very disruptive for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these very challenging times

HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

Parents may be able to use one of the following schemes to reduce childcare cost. Tax Free Childcare- get up to £2000 per child, Universal Credit- claim back up to 85% of costs and Tax Credits-claim back up to 70% of cost for working families. To see if you are eligible for other offers please check childcarechoice.gov.uk

Fees:

Just to remind all parents nursery fees are to be paid in advance. If you pay monthly, payment are to be made at the beginning/ by the end of the month and if you pay weekly payment must be paid by the beginning of the week via BACS

Apply for Primary School 2022-2023:

A last reminder for families of children who will be starting Primary School in September 2022 - applications to admissions close on 15th January 2022.



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Safeguarding:

We encourage all parents to inform the nursery of any existing injuries from home. Parents will be asked to complete an existing injury form. The nursery will also inform parents of any accidents that occurs in the nursery and ask parents to sign an accident form.

Funding:

Please check your eligibility for free early learning (15hours funding) if your child has turned 2yrs on the Lambeth website

To apply if you are a new 3&4 year old parent <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

To reconfirm if you are an existing <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9>

Parents must keep the code they receive safe, as it will be required to complete the Parent declaration form for Lambeth, which is mandatory if your child is receiving funding.

Parents/Keyperson Meeting:

Please arrange with your child's key person for 10-15mins telephone meeting to discuss your child's progress if you did not get the chance to do that last term. This is an import requirement from Ofsted.

Weather



We have had children losing gloves. We ask parents to sew children's gloves on a string through both sleeve of jacket to keep them together to avoid losing.

As the children love to play and explore the different weather conditions we have, we ask parents to bring labelled wellies in to enable them play outdoors.

Giving/Receiving Feedback

We would like to inform parents that face-to-face feedback will be brief to enable staff to meet ratio in the room however, if parents want to have a detailed discussion about their child we kindly ask that you book an appointment with the manager or rooms leaders.

Pyjama & Onesie Fun Day



On Wednesday 23 February 2022, we will be having a Pyjama and Onesie Fun Day raising money for Crackerjacks Children Trust. Children are to dress up in their Pyjamas or Onesies and donate £2 on the day. The money raised will go towards



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vital specialist disable equipment for disabled children.

Important Dates:

Half term 14th- 18th Feb 2022

Easter Bank holiday 15th April 2022–
nursery closed

Bank holiday 18th April 2022 – Nursery
closed

Staff Training 19th April- Nursery closed

Half Term 30th may -3rd June 2022

May bank holiday- 2nd may 2022 nursery
closed

Staff Training- 16th Septemebr2022
Nursery closed

Unwanted Items

We continue to develop our learning areas and would love some donations of good condition books, dressing up clothes and some pots, pans, Kitchen Utensils and old gloves, Scarves hats, umbrellas, and wellies.