



## Feb 2021

Welcome

Dear Families, The very warmest welcome back to all families. We are absolutely over the moon that we can welcome the children back on Monday and we have been very busy preparing for everyone's safe return. We have included some important information on the newsletter so please take some time to read over our updates in advance of return. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Isabel, Nancy, Pamela and the early years' team for all of their hard work in recent weeks and particularly over the past few days in preparing for a safe return for all. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very best wishes to all.

*Rona Coughlan*

Head Teacher

## We are open to ALL children from Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 21

## The staff are looking forward to seeing the children.

### Drop off and collection

- All children will attend on the normal hours that they previously attended before Christmas. Any new children have been contacted with details of when they should attend for their first day.
- The Blue and Green groups are based in the Banana pod and should enter the nursery via the gate in the playground opposite the huts. Please ring the bell and wait for staff.
- The Red and Yellow groups are based in the Strawberry pod and should enter the nursery via the gate the back of the building on North Birbiston Road. Please ring the bell and wait for staff
- The 0-2 and 2-3 children should enter the nursery via the main gate in the playground. Please ring the bell for the room your child attends.
- Please ensure you do not arrive early with your child or be late collecting them as we only have the staff we require to meet ratios in the building.
- Masks MUST (unless exempt) be worn by adults and older children dropping children off or collecting them. Please keep the number of people drop off to a minimum.
- Adults MUST maintain 2m distance at all times. If a child is upset or not yet walking then the parent can hand them over to staff but this must be done as quickly as possible.
- Do not meet with other adults while dropping off or collecting children.

## Clothing and Bags

- Please use the drawstring bags that were supplied by the nursery to transport the children's belonging to and from the nursery. These bags should be **carried by an adult** and handed over to staff.
- Children should arrive at nursery dressed ready for outdoor play as they will be given the choice of staying out or going in when they arrive.
- Please ensure your child has indoor shoes for when they are playing indoors.
- The windows will be opened for ventilation so please put a jumper or zipper in your child's bag in case they need it.

Unfortunately, we do not have space to store indoor and outdoor clothing or shoes so please use the bag to bring these daily.



## Website & Twitter

Our website is updated every month with information on the children's learning experiences both indoors and outdoors so please have a look and see what has been happening.

<http://www.lennoxtown.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/early-years-centre/welcome/>

Have you followed us on Twitter @Elennoxtown

## Contact & Communication Details

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It is really important that you keep us informed of any changes to telephone numbers and e-mails addresses and let us know if you think we may not have the correct details.

We will also communicate using learning journals and if you respond to a message this will come direct to Isabel's e-mail, we do not however receive notification of comments made on observations/stories and staff monitor these as best as they can. Please give us a call or drop us e-mail if you have any question or if you want to chat about child's experience in nursery.

We are now able to offer a virtual meeting via Teams and have been using this to meet and update children's personal learning plans in the 3-5 room. We are now planning to move on to the under threes so watch out for your invitation e-mail.



## Children's Learning

### Banana & Strawberry Pods

The staff will be supporting the children as they settle back into the nursery routines. There are some new children who will be getting to know the other children in the groups and staff. As you know we have updated the children's personal learning targets and staff will be sharing these with children and planning how they will be achieved.

5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March is Science week and the staff are planning to mark this with lots of fun experiments, remember to have a look at them on learning journals.

### 2-3 Room

The staff will be supporting the children to settle back especially as some of their friends may have moved to 3-5 room so things will be a little different. Their personal learning plans have also been updated and the children will have lots fun achieving their goals. The staff will be focussing on group activities as the children have missed out so much on not being together. We are also expecting a new outdoor shelter to support lots more outdoor learning experiences.

### O-2 Room

Again the staff will be helping the children to resettle and also welcoming some new children very soon. Outdoor play will be focus as staff have been working hard on the outdoor area. Thanks to Gwen and her husband, the children have a fantastic mud kitchen to explore.



## Holidays

### Upcoming Holidays

Wednesday Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - Centre closed reopens Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> & Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jul

End of nursery place for pre-school children will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021



## World Book Day Thursday 4th March 21

To help celebrate world book day we are holding a dress up day. Children can if they wish dress up as their favourite character from a book.

We normally have Grandparents story sessions on World Book Day so we are hoping the we have some IT whizz Grandparents that would be happy to do some virtually storytelling too. More details follow.

### Lunches

Our hot lunches will be restarting on Monday. For this week only the staff will ask the children to choose their lunch and we will return to the normal system were you will receive and e-mail the week before to so you choose their lunch together.

### Family Champion and Family Learning

Hi All,

I hope all is well with you during these uncertain times and the stresses and anxieties that accompany them. This is just a wee message to remind you all that I am still here with my Tip Sheets and advice for any parenting issues you may have such as Toilet Training, Mealtime Madness, Temper Tantrums. The list of issues is not exhaustible and no matter how big or small you feel your problem is, give me a telephone call and I can give some advice or direct you to someone who can.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call and if I am unavailable I will call you back.

Take Care

Nancy

