



**Little Hayes and Speedwell Nursery  
Schools Federation**

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Just a few reminders, information and requests:

### **FAMILY PHOTOS**

This term we will be talking about our families. It would be great if each child could have a family photo to go on the classroom family boards. The children love to look at pictures of themselves and their families and the photos promote lots of conversations. It doesn't need to be anything fancy or a studio portrait, a simple selfie shot will do. You can either upload a photo onto Tapestry or email to [littlehayesn@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:littlehayesn@bristol-schools.uk)

### **INDEPENDENCE**

We always encourage the children to be independent in their own self-care, especially when dressing and putting on coats, waterproof trousers and shoes. We have been learning different ways to put on our coats. Please support us with this by encouraging your child to do things for themselves at home. It will also help if they have shoes that they can manage independently, preferably with Velcro fastenings.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

#### **TERM DATES 2022**

Monday 4 January - Friday 18 February

Monday 28 February - Friday 8 April

Monday 25 April - Friday 27 May

Monday 6 June - Friday 22 July

#### **INSET DAYS**

Friday 4 March

Wednesday 22 June

#### **SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022**

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you need to apply for a reception school place. The deadline for applications is midnight 15 January 2022. If you need support with this, the office team will be able to help you.

Apply now at : [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



## **MORNING SNACK**

We like to offer a daily morning snack for the children but rely on voluntary donations from parents. All donations of fruit and/or plain cereals (nut & chocolate free) are gratefully received.

## **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thank you for all your £2 voluntary contributions. This money helps us to purchase ingredients for cooking and resources for craft activities. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **CLOTHING/TEXTILE BANK**

Our new textile bin next to the buggy park in the front garden has proven to be very popular since its installation. Thank you to everyone who has donated textiles. The textile re-use industry creates trade in the UK as well as abroad and gives people access to good quality, affordable used clothing and textiles. Your donations will provide another source of income to help us provide additional resources for the children.

You can donate **clean usable clothing, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys.**

Please place all items in a bag before donating.

## **MUD, MUD, GLORIOUS MUD!**

The rainy weather has taken its toll on the garden and there is LOTS of mud, but we still continue to go outside every day. Please make sure your child has appropriate, warm, clothing for the weather and bring a spare set. Please only dress them in outfits that you don't mind them getting dirty.

We have some spare clothes, but would be very grateful for any donations of socks, pants and trousers. Anything we don't use we can recycle. Also, if your child is still in nappies please remember to send in wet wipes with the nappies.

## **NO DOGS**

We are very lucky to have Hannah's guide dog, Beauty, on site and the children love to visit her. We would like to remind everyone that no dogs, other than assistance dogs, should be brought onto the nursery premises.

## **HANDY LUNCHBOX HINTS**

You do not need to:

- include cutlery for lunch time as we will provide as required
- pack additional drinks for your child. We supply a choice of milk or water at snack and lunch times

Please:

- ensure that no sweets, chocolates or sugary drinks are packed in lunch boxes
- cut grapes in half as they can be a choking hazard
- do not pack items containing any nut products - we are a totally nut-free setting and have children with nut allergies

Don't forget that hot meals are also available for £2.50 per day. They are provided by Early Years Catering and all dietary requirements can be catered for. Meals must be booked and paid for a week in advance. Visit the office to see the menus and to book.

## **CURRENT COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

### **FACE COVERINGS**

England's current rules requires everyone aged 11 and over to wear face coverings in most public indoor venues and on public transport. This includes places such as shops, hairdressers and taxis. These rules are due to be reviewed on 26 January. Please can all adults wear a face covering if they are coming **inside** the nursery building.

### **LATERAL FLOW & PCR TESTING**

From Tuesday, 11 January, those **without** Covid-19 symptoms, who test positive on a lateral flow test, will no longer need a PCR test. You will need to report your test results on gov.uk and self-isolate according to the NHS guidance, but will not need a follow up PCR test.

You should still, however, get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms, even if mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Continuing to take regular rapid tests will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission. If you, your child or a member of your household has any of those symptoms, please keep them at home until they have had a negative COVID test. Please be aware that additional symptoms seem to be experienced with the Omicron strain of the virus including, headache, nausea and fatigue.

Many children are suffering with colds and runny noses at this time of year. If your child is feeling unwell and would not be up to being outdoors most of the day, or is unable to engage fully at nursery, it may be better to keep them at home until they are feeling better. Please call the office on 0117 9030405 if your child is not attending nursery.

Please ensure that following any bouts of vomiting or diarrhoea, children are free from symptoms for 48 hours before returning to nursery. This will stop the spread of infection to other children and staff.

### **PLEASE CLOSE THE GATES BEHIND YOU**

For the safety of all the children, please remember to close the front gates behind you every time you enter and leave the nursery. This will prevent children being able to run out of the gate and, potentially, into the road.

If you have any questions, or require further information about any of the above, please speak to the office or your child's keyworker.

Thank you