



Boston Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome to all our new, and returning, families as we start a new academic year at Boston Nursery School.

We hope you all had a great summer. We are looking forward to helping the children settle into the new term, and enjoying the fun activities planned for them, as the staff help them to develop and achieve their personal challenges and targets.

We were delighted with the sensible way in which our children came into school and have adhered to the guidance given to them by their teachers.

Coronavirus Update

We thank you for assisting us in operating our rolling drop-off and collection times. Please try to select the quietest times in order to reduce congestion and the number of people with whom you will come into contact. We ask that only one adult accompanies each family group. Please try to avoid contact with Little Owls or Preschool if your child is in a different class and maintain a two metre distance from our staff. Above all, we ask everyone to be patient under these trying conditions. We are all hoping that we can get back to normal soon.

From the Government's guidelines to schools:

The DfE recognises that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.

Our essential measures for opening are:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home;
 - robust hand and respiratory hygiene;
 - enhanced cleaning arrangements;
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace;
- reduced contacts and maximised distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimising potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

Please note: for the sake of reducing transmission of the virus, the school office is currently closed to parents and carers. However, should you need to contact us, you may email your enquiries directly to the school at admin@parliamentfederation.co.uk and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Please do not send any child into school with coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or

smell (anosmia). Let the office know if you are worried about your child or unsure what to do, but do not bring them into school.

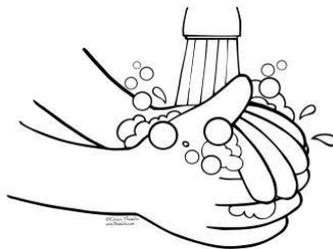


If your child is sent home due to having symptoms, their sibling(s) will also need to be collected. You will be advised to arrange a test for the child who is unwell. Unless the school is advised of a negative test result, your child will not be able to return to school for ten days (their sibling must stay away for fourteen days). This is in line with the Government guidelines.

Should the test result be positive, please contact the school as a matter of urgency. The school is obliged to report all children who are sent home to the local health protection team who will follow up test results.

It is important to take this disease seriously. Remember, children tend not to get particularly ill with this coronavirus - thankfully. This is why it is important that we all engage with the NHS Test and Trace, even when symptoms are mild.

Handwashing Advice to Defeat Coronavirus



Everyone in school will be washing their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs a mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands thoroughly afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus.

Out of school, hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (eg when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing hands together and rinsing with water provides.

Please do not allow your children to bring hand sanitiser into school. They will always have access to soap and water. Please leave hand creams at home as they provide a 'sticky surface' for the virus to adhere to on children's hands. Should your child's hands become dry, it is safer to apply cream when they get home.



The Government advises against the use of face coverings for nursery school children. Children find it difficult not to touch their faces when wearing a mask. For safety reasons, children cannot take part in PE or playground games whilst wearing a face covering. They also need to remove and replace the mask each time they eat or drink which increases the likelihood of transmission.

In the interest of your child's safety, please do not ask your child to wear face coverings in school.

The Theme for this term is...

NURSERY RHYMES!

This term we will be helping the children to settle in by talking about themselves and what they like, their families and the world around them. We will be singing their favourite Nursery Rhymes with them and learning some new ones too!

If your child is new to the setting, or if they are returning to us in September, we are continuing to use the electronic Learning Journals (Referred to as 'Tapestry') to capture the children's learning experiences whilst they are with us in school. If you would like to have access to your child's Tapestry learning journal, please contact us to sign the consent form and let us know your e-mail address.

Home and School Working Together

We encourage the children to talk about the learning that takes place at home.

It would really help if you could support your child by singing rhymes at home.

Here is a short list of some of the rhymes we will be singing and learning at school:

Twinkle, Twinkle
The Grand Old Duke of York
Jack and Jill
Baa Baa Black Sheep
Hickory Dickory Dock
Incy Wincy Spider

You can see more ways to support your child's learning at home by looking at our web page.

Please come and visit us at:

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school>

Primary school open days

For those children who will be off to primary school in September 2021, we will display the arrangements that individual school will make to welcome their new intake as we receive it and display the information on the noticeboards for you to see. When the application process opens we are happy to assist you in this process. Please contact Mrs Taylor in the office via telephone or email if you require any help.

Useful information

We understand that sometimes you may not be able to collect your child, and may need a friend or relative to collect them on your behalf. In order for us to hand your child over into their care, we will need you to telephone or email us first and let us know who will be collecting your child for you. If this person is unknown to us, you will need to give us their full name and a brief description of them.

If you need to speak to your child's key worker about any issues, please contact the office and Mrs Taylor will arrange for them to get in touch with you.

Parking



When driving your child to and from school, please ensure that your child is seated in a car seat and a seatbelt is worn at all times when the vehicle is moving. Also please may we remind all drivers about their speed in our car park? We need to ensure that all our children are safe whilst the car park is in use. In addition, please use the spaces allocated and resist the temptation to leave your vehicle parked across spaces, on pathways or in front of the entrance. Please turn the engine off while you are not in the car. We do have a disabled bay which needs to be left for those parents and visitors who are blue badge holders. Thank you.

Getting to School

Walking to school, riding a bike or scooter is a great way for the children to experience the world around them. It's a fun way to exercise and develop a healthy lifestyle as well as being kinder to the environment. Many of our families travel to school in this way and we would

encourage you, whenever possible, to leave the car at home! Please remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on school premises to ensure the safety of our school community.

Arriving at school and rolling drop off and collection times

When arriving with your child at school, please ensure you adhere to the socially distanced lines outside the entrance and ensure you arrive at your allocated time if you have one. If you have been asked to use the rolling drop off and collection times please arrive with your child anytime between 8.45-9.15am for morning sessions and 12.30pm-1pm for afternoon sessions, and collect between 11.15am-11.45am for morning sessions and 3pm-3.30pm for afternoon sessions, to avoid congestion and maintain safety. Just to remind you that only one member of your child's family should come onto the premises and you will not be permitted to come into the building.

Special points of interest

30 hours funding continues to be available in September 2020. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Taylor who will add your details to our waiting list. Remember, 3 & 4 year-olds are entitled to 15 hours a week completely free. This can be taken in the morning, in the afternoon or all day as long as we have enough spaces available.

As well as the 15 hours a week, we offer additional sessions over and above this plus increased flexibility when selecting sessions for your child. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be purchased at a current cost of £12.50 in Preschool, and £14.50 in Little Owls. This is extremely competitive locally. Lunch is also available for pre-school children if required. If you know anyone else who might benefit from our excellent nursery facilities, please let them know. Remember we are the only local provider with fully qualified teachers who are educated to degree level or higher. Contact Mrs Taylor in the office for further information.

A few reminders

Session Times

Morning: 8:45 to 11:45

Lunch: 11:45 to 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 to 3:30

Bug Busting

Every school has to deal with head lice and we are no exception. The problem is often more prevalent when children start back at school after a long break. Although we will never eradicate head lice, there are things that we can do to alleviate the problem. This **Saturday, 5th September**, we ask that every child's hair is checked at home for lice.

The following advice comes from the school nursing team:

*A fine tooth plastic comb is best for detecting head lice and you should check school children and family members at least once a week. Young lice are the size of a full stop and adults the size of a sesame seed. Treatments are available from your GP and are **free** for children. You should only treat those people with lice living in their hair.*

Spare Clothes



As you all know, at Boston Nursery School we believe that 'The most memorable of days usually end with the dirtiest of clothes' and more often than not the wettest of clothes! It is, therefore, important that you provide your child with a named bag, containing named spare clothes, to ensure that the fun and learning can continue. We go outside in all weathers to play - in the sunshine, snow and rain - so your child will also need named sun cream and hat, wellies and a warm coat, hat and gloves at the appropriate time. We are asking parents to bring in a bag containing a change of clothes and wellington boots that will be kept in school for the duration of the term. We cannot provide changes of clothes to children as we cannot accept clothes back into school.

Lunch boxes

Please ensure all lunch bags and boxes are clearly named as many children have the same boxes with Spiderman and Unicorns being clear favourites!



We are finding that many children are bringing so much food that they cannot eat it all. We do offer a snack both in the morning and the afternoon which always includes fruit, vegetables and either, crackers or cereal. This may mean that your child does not need as

much for lunch. The children will bring home any unfinished lunch so that you can monitor what they are eating.



Some of our children risk suffering a life threatening reaction to nuts - even by being in the vicinity of a nut. For this reason, we ask that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.

[Update Contacts!](#)

Please remember to update the Nursery when you change personal details such as your telephone number, email address and home address.

[Keeping Our Children Safe](#)

To safeguard all our children, please be aware that the use of mobile phones are not permitted on our premises.

We operate a strict no smoking policy on school premises and politely ask that you do not smoke on any of our school grounds, including the car park area. This includes e-cigarettes.



[Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

Families often think they know exactly what their children get up to online, and that they understand all the apps and sites their children use. But with technology changing every day, that's not always the case.

The NSPCC has an online safety helpline:

0808 800 5002 and a website: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc> that offers support and advice to parents and carers.

[Social Media](#)

We ask that any photographs or filming, undertaken by family members at school, is of your own child and for your own personal use. Children's images taken at school should not be shared on social media sites - even images of your own child. This is to ensure that we can continue to invite parents to photograph or film their children at school events.

[School Library](#)



We will be promoting our school library this term and encouraging the children to borrow and enjoy books to foster a love of books and reading. Please support your child by reading with them at home.

If you would like your child to choose and borrow a book more often, please contact school and they will be happy to assist your child in selecting a book. Please be patient with our system of sending reading books home, as we operate a strict quarantine system when books are sent home and received back into school.

[Term Dates for 2020-2021](#)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - Friday 16th October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021 - Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22th February 2021 - Thursday 1st April 2021

Monday 19th April 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021 *May Day Monday 3rd May*

Monday 7th June 2021 - Tuesday 22nd July 2021

[The Boston Nursery School Team](#)

Executive Headteacher Mrs. Nicky Donley

Head of School Mrs. Jenny Beale

Senior Administrator Mrs. Claire Taylor

Business Manager Mr. Kevin Hunt

Caretaker Mr. Kevin Sales.

Big Owls

Early Years Teacher's

Mrs. Jenny Beale

Miss. Jenny Smith

Teaching Assistants

Mrs. Monika Pyrzanowska

Mrs. Emma Ladds

Miss. Natalie East

Little Owls 2 Year Old Provision

Childcare Assistants

Mrs. Lucy Copeland

Miss. Bethany Cooper

Midday Supervisors

Mrs. Nicola Patton

Mrs. Emma Ladds

Message from the Parliament Federation's Governing Body

Hello and welcome to all new parents - and welcome back to all our parents with children returning to a new school year. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays.

'What do Governors do?'

The *Governing Body* is an elected group, including teachers, support staff, parents and members of the local community. We work as a voluntary team with the Executive Head Teacher and the Heads of School for the benefit of all the pupils and staff across the Federation.

We're here to give the school a strategic direction and to act as 'a critical friend' - helping to guide the school to improving the standard of education for all our children. We don't get involved in the day-to-day operation of the school, but set the criteria by which the school is managed. We ensure that local and national government legislation and targets are met, that we spend our school budget wisely, that the safety of everyone is paramount, and that the curriculum is delivered to benefit all children. Governors take an active role in the school, not only attending meetings, but also school functions, undertaking visits to classrooms and helping out with school visits.

If you require any further information regarding our Governing Body, please refer to the school's website.