

Little Berries Pre-School

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A big welcome to all our new starters and welcome back to our returning children!

We hope you all had a great summer break and are looking forward to the new school year!

Covid19 Policy and Guidelines for Parents

We at Little Berries are so excited to have all the children back, and to do this safely we have to adhere to new guidelines. We have a Covid-19 policy in place which will have been emailed to you. Please see below for some key points.

Face masks (LB1)-Hollybrook School have enforced face masks for all adults and children over the age of 12 using the school sites. As the grounds belong to Hollybrook, we as a preschool must follow these guidelines too.

One-way system (LB1)- As above, we are working with Hollybrook School, and therefore ask our parents to follow the one-way system put in place when dropping off and collecting.

No hot meals (LB1)- Hot lunches are currently unavailable from Hollybrook due to Covid19. As soon as this changes all parents will be notified. Please provide your children with a healthy packed lunch.

No entering the setting- Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter either setting. Please remember to socially distance and leave immediately following drop off and pick up.

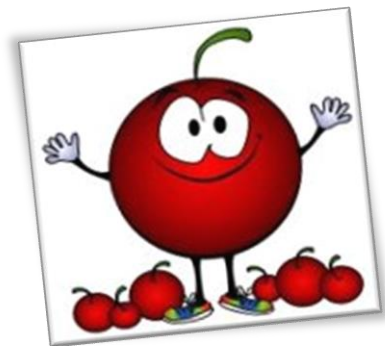
Covid-19 symptoms- If a child is displaying symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange a test. If they develop symptoms whilst at pre-school, they will be sent home, and asked to take a Covid-19 test.

Positive tests within a household- If a member of the household tests positive for Coronavirus, the whole household needs to isolate for 14 days.

Thank you for following our policy and continuing to adhere to these guidelines. Although we appreciate the inconvenience, these measures have been put in place to keep everyone safe.

Holiday Club

Please be aware, should you require additional childcare (outside of the usual term-time dates), we are open for an extra 6 weeks of the year. We currently have a variety of days available during our extended weeks including October half term (26th – 30th October).



Topics

The topics for this half term are:

- All about me
- Houses and Homes

Dates for your diary

26th – 30th October

Half Term

CLOSED to term time children

OPEN to children accessing holiday club

26th – 30th October

Holiday Club

Open daily from 8:30am – 4pm
£25 per day (snacks included
your child will need a packed lunch)

Monday 23rd November

Pre-school CLOSED

INSET Day

Friday 18th december

Pre-school CLOSED

INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Socially Distanced Annual

General Meeting 6:30pm

@ LB1 (Seagarth Lane)



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For more information and to keep up to date with pre-school news please search: Little Berries Pre-school.

Hot Dinners @ LB1

Hot lunches are currently unavailable from Hollybrook due to Covid19. As soon as this changes all parents will be notified. Please provide your children with a healthy packed lunch. Please see your child's key person for packed lunch ideas. Please remember that we are **a nut free setting** due to allergies, and grapes must be cut in half to prevent choking.

Label Clothing

Just a reminder to parents/carers to clearly label ALL your child's clothing, including footwear and water bottles. We often have items of clothing left at the end of the day and clear labels will enable us to return them to their owners!

Cooking Donations

As part of the children's learning we undertake a cooking activity every two weeks, to help with the cost of ingredients we ask all parents/carers for a contribution of £3 per term. Please note, due to the rising cost of ingredients we cannot offer this activity to children who have not made their £3 contribution. This half term we are cooking:

- Drumstick Cheese Straws
- Gingerbread Houses
- Vegetable Soup

Session start/finish times @ LB1 (Seagarth Lane)

We would like to remind parents/carers that we have two different start times for our morning sessions (8:30am and 8:45am) if you arrive early for your child's session please wait outside until your child's designated start time when the door will be opened by a member of staff. On collection, please do not enter the building without buzzing first; unfortunately, due to health and safety reasons we cannot allow parents and children to wait in the reception area. Equally we would like to remind all parents/carers to collect your child promptly at their designated finish time. Any late collections will result in penalty fees being charged.

Please remember we are enforcing social distancing, when collecting and dropping off, please ensure you are standing on the black squares. If there are none available, please keep a distance of 2 metres from the person nearest to you.

Session start/finish times @ LB2 (Winchester Road)

We would like to remind parents/carers that we have two different finish times for our afternoon sessions (2:45pm and 3pm). Please advise a member of staff of your preferred collection time. If you arrive early, please wait outside until your child's designated finish time when the door will be opened by a member of staff. Please collect your child promptly at their designated finish time. Any late collections will result in penalty fees being charged. *Please remember we are enforcing social distancing, when collecting and dropping off, please ensure you keep a distance of 2 metres from the person nearest to you. A teacher on the gate will let parents in one at a time to collect their child.*



Parent Committee & AGM

The Pre-School annual general meeting (AGM) is taking place on Tuesday 3rd November at 6:30 pm at Little Berries Hollybrook (LB1). We ask that **ALL** parents and carers attend if they can. This meeting will be socially distanced within the preschool. The AGM is a great opportunity to hear pre-school news, contribute your ideas for the year ahead as well as being involved in the election of new committee members; a legal requirement for an organisation such as ours. The pre-school is a registered charity and as such is not legally allowed to run without a parent/carer committee, so your support is much needed and appreciated.

Without enough committee members and appropriate levels of attendance at our AGM the pre-school will be forced to close with immediate effect.

Dates for your diary ...pt. 2

Week Commencing 14th December

Parent meetings (further details to follow)

Thursday 17th December Last Day of Autumn Term.

In December we always put on our Christmas performance, and enjoy a Christmas Workshop and Party. Due to Covid19, we are currently unsure whether this will go ahead, and so please bear with us as we work alongside Local & National Guidelines; we will let all parents know closer to the time.

Friday 18th December Pre-school CLOSED INSET Day

Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January CLOSED Christmas holidays



Curriculum Planning and Family pages

Each half term we will email you a copy of our 'family pages' which link to our preschool topics and half term curriculum planning. The 'family pages' also help you to continue the learning and development at home if you wish. The 'family pages' will be sent via email; hard copies are available in reception.

Parent/carer partnership

We believe that children benefit most when parents and pre-schools work together in partnership. Usually to support this, we operate an 'open door' policy encourage all our parents to spend some time in the setting either reading a story or simply playing in the garden. Due to Covid19 safety restrictions we are unable to welcome parents into the setting and so please don't forget to view your Child's Tapestry account, to keep up to date with their progress; feel free to comment on observations posted by your child's keyperson and, add your own. We are always keen to hear what the children get up to at weekends!

We also offer communication books if required for your child's first term at preschool, and your child's key person is always available during working hours on the preschool phone lines.

We also have an anonymous suggestion box available in reception and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

New starter questionnaires

Towards the end of November all parents/carers of our new starters will be receiving a questionnaire regarding your experience of our transition process. Your feedback on this matter is greatly appreciated and is fundamental to supporting the children's learning & development and promoting their well-being. As a result, we ask that you kindly complete the questionnaire and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Lunchboxes and snack.

Please be advised we operate a strict **NO NUTS or NUT PRODUCT** policy here at Little Berries Pre-school.

Can we also please remind you to check the 'best before' and 'use by' dates of any products you pack into your child's lunchbox. Recently we have had to return or throw away out of date and/or mouldy food. This can be quite upsetting to children and can leave them feeling quite hungry.

Absence

Please remember if your child will not be attending a registered session the pre-school must be informed as soon as possible by telephoning 023 8091 5533 (LB1) or 023 80773206 (LB2).

Alternatively, you can email: littleberries@ymail.com. Please ensure a valid reason and expected date of return (where appropriate) are provided. Attendance at pre-school is continuously monitored and prolonged non-attendance may result in your child's place/funding being withdrawn. In some circumstances continued absence or irregular attendance patterns may result in a referral being made to Southampton Children's Services as a child protection concern. For more information, please see our Child attendance policy.