

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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**Friday 4th September**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to Nursery and to begin a successful year of learning. As we are unable to do our usual *Meet the Teacher* sessions this year, you are invited to a parent and carer welcome session via zoom on Monday 7th September at 2pm with Robin & Mireille. Here are the log on details for this meeting - please do join so that you have all the key information for this term:

**Meeting ID: 752 8693 0563**

**Passcode: 2unPkW**

We will also be preparing a video to introduce the year group, class teams and give you a little more information about the curriculum. This will be sent out next Friday 11th September.

**Nursery - Class Teaching Team**

Froglets Team
Class Teacher - Sophie Tait
Nursery Practitioners are Chin Chu, Fitore and Stefania

**Other Key Staff:**

PE Team - Jordan & Dean

Music - Tom

Higher Level Teaching Assistants - Heather, Isabel, Sandra & Maggie



**Start of the day**

A member of the Nursery team will open the door and welcome your child into the learning environment each morning. The transition to Nursery begins your child's journey to independence, so we will be encouraging your children to take ownership of small everyday tasks, for example, hanging their coat up and self-registering themselves each day.

Once your child is confident coming into class (for some children, this will be day 1), we are asking that adults drop them off at the door to minimise risk. However where parents need to stay longer to settle

*Head Teacher: Robin Warren*

*Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan*

their child, then please ensure you use a sanitiser upon entry, maintain a 2m distance from other children, and aim to leave as promptly as possible.



### **Spare clothes**

Every child needs to have a **spare and named change of clothes** to be left in school, hanging on their peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS! Please can we ask for them to be in a soft fabric/plastic bag due to limited space on their peg.



### **Water and fruit**

We provide fruit for the children, though each child will need their own **named bottle of water** each day. We will be able to refill them when needed. If you would like to donate a couple of extra pieces of fruit a week to the classroom that would be gratefully received.

### **Healthy Eating and Malleable Play**

Cooking with children offers a wide variety of learning experiences, for example Numeracy, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Physical Development can all be taught in one cooking session. To help support this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week, where we will be able to buy the ingredients and resources needed. We will place a donation jar outside the classroom, or if you prefer, this adds up to £15 over the term where you can make your contribution in one go rather than finding coins each week. We really appreciate your support, thank you!

### **Punctuality & Attendance**

Your child's punctual and regular attendance at school is of crucial importance in their learning and development, and we aim to get this right from the start with your help. Please make every effort to bring your child to school everyday on time. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness and medical appointments is essential. It is important that children arrive and are collected promptly according to the timings below to support social distancing and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Contacting the school is more crucial than ever at the moment; it is vital that you call or email the school if your child or any other member of your family develops Covid symptoms and/or you are isolating: 0207 772 8500 or email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

Please see our website for our Attendance Policy and Addendum Policy.

**Start Time is through the Main gate at 9:20am**

**Exit Time from the Froglets classroom (please wait in the outside area) is at 3:10pm**

### **Liaison time**

We know that communication with you is key in establishing a positive and safe learning environment. We will be around at the end of each day for a chat. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to one of us, we are here to support you and your child. To ensure we are all keeping safe, please social distance from



the staff and other parents. If you are unable to come to school to talk to us, please contact the school office and ask to make an appointment to speak with us.

### Curriculum

We will be adapting the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum continually this half term and beyond to meet the needs and interests of our children, whilst ensuring we provide a broad and balanced range of experiences. We will be focusing on the three Prime Areas: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development.

This half term our class learning topic is 'All About Me' using the story *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. We will be supporting the children to settle into their new environments and giving them time to get to know their new adults and peers.



### Reading

We want our children to develop a love of reading and stories from the very start of their schooling. We have a book corner in our classrooms where the children will be able to select books and read during guided reading sessions. The school has invested in **Reading Eggs** online reading programme to support their reading at home. We will be sending out details about how to access this over the next few weeks.

### Toys at school

Please remind your child that we discourage them from bringing in their own toys to school. They can easily be lost or broken and this causes much upset. This is especially important during this time when bringing additional objects from home can increase risk.



### Dressing for Froglets

As the days begin to become cooler and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for an Early Years setting. We encourage shoes with Velcro fastenings at school until they are able to tie their own shoe laces. Please ensure your child's clothing is named.

### Website

For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website [www.primrosehill.sch.uk](http://www.primrosehill.sch.uk) Here, you can find the school's Risk Assessment on the News page - this will be continually updated in response to the most up to date guidance from the Government. You will also find the most recent letter from Robin and Mireille, outlining some of the key procedures the school and home need to adhere to to keep our children safe.

We have also placed a link to a document called *What to Expect, When* on the website for you to look at. It details how the children develop from Birth to 5 and gives some really useful pointers about ways to support your child's development.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)



**And finally...**

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all. If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

Sophie T and the Team