

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Nursery School. Thank you for choosing Surbiton Children's Centre Nursery to educate and care for your child next year.

I realise that these are very strange times and so it has been difficult to manage our usual welcome events. We are unable to offer any face to face meetings or even have parents on site. We've not been able to have our "stay and Play" session or "meet the Teacher". I understand that this must be very hard for you as new parents but I want to reassure you that we are planning and organising everything with careful consideration, and will be making a special video for you to watch. This will introduce you to how we will settle your child into school, and answer any common questions. This is in place of the planned parent meetings on the 6th, 8th and 14th July. The link will be sent out in an email and you can then watch it in your own time.

The latest guidance for Schools from the Government was issued yesterday and we are currently looking at how we offer the very best quality education with safety also at the heart of what we do. We have discussed our plans with our Board of Governors and the Local Authority and they have been approved.

We are pleased that all children will be able to attend Nursery from September and that there won't be a need for small "bubbles" anymore. However we are a very large Nursery School and so need to plan carefully how we ensure the children and staff can have the least amount of risk.

Thankfully we are an outdoor Nursery and have a wonderful outdoor space where we can spend the majority of the session. We follow the forest school ethos and will continue to offer our bespoke forest school outings next year. We know that being outside hugely benefits children and it is also the lowest risk of transmission of Coronavirus, which is why we feel that our sessions outside will help minimise that worry.

Usually in September we come and visit each child in their own home and spend time getting to know you as a family. This will not be able to happen due to the lockdown restrictions. Therefore we will have a special "play and chat" session for you and your child at Nursery in our garden. The details for these and your child's start date and time will be sent out next week. We will host a small scale stay and play for new families and this will be for one hour per group on Friday 11th September.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the Nursery in September and wish you all a very happy summer.

Yours sincerely,

Esther White

