



Online Safety for under fives

Children of all ages enjoy using technology. We are now seeing children younger than ever using smart phones, tablets and going online to play games, talk to family, watch videos and even learn to use voice enabled tech like Alexa and Siri to find out about their world. Whilst we value the need for technology as times are changing, we want to help you to keep your children safe whilst doing so.

NSPCC suggests the following

- ✓ You should start talking to your child about keeping safe online at an early age. It's easier to have conversations about online safety little and often, rather than trying to cover everything at once. Set boundaries from the start. It makes it easier than trying to play catch-up at a later stage.
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- ✓ Check that websites are suitable before your child visits them.
- ✓ Talk to friends about what websites their children use.
- ✓ Play games with your child to get them used to being online. Set 'Safety Mode' up on YouTube or use kids You Tube to help filter out explicit content.
- ✓ If you use Google, turn on Google 'Safe Search' to filter explicit content from your search results.
- ✓ Ensure your home page is set to a child-friendly website. Google has a child friendly version called KIDDLE

In setting we have no child accessible technology that connects to the internet to protect your children whilst in our care

Options for September

If any of our current parents are thinking about changing or increasing any days for September please speak to Dawn to discuss your options. We have limited availability for session changes during this time as some of our older children leave to start their journey at school.

Please can we make parents aware that **no funding is received w/c 2nd September 2019**, if you're child's place is fully funded and not a stretched place (all year round) then this week will be reflected as a charge on your invoice if you need, you're child to attend during this week.

Please can we request that wherever possible children use drawstring pump bags for their spare clothes and nappies rather than rucksacks. As we are now full a lot of the pegs are shared, we are finding that there isn't enough room for two rucksacks and coats. If you have already bought a rucksack please ensure that it is placed under the pegs rather than on them. Many Thanks for your co-operation

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our named First Aiders are.

Dawn Stevenson

Sarah Balata

Kate Johnson

Kim Foxhall

Lucy Bingham



Childcare Choices

Some of our children that have turned three over the last term may be eligible to receive 30 hours free childcare. This is available from the term after your child turns three, the recommended time to apply for a September start is between the 15th June to 31st July. This can be applied for on the childcare choices website. If you need help or advice with applying please speak to your child's key person

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

School Transitions

By now you have all received your child's school place for the academic year 2019/20. We will be supporting the children who will be starting school in September by ensuring a smooth transition from nursery to school by inviting the reception teachers to visit us, adapting the home corner, talking about school and displaying photos of their new environments and school staff. If you would like to know more about this process please speak to your child's key person who will be happy to help.

We have already had a couple of wonderful teacher visits and some children have enjoyed their first settling in visits at school. More information will follow about our leavers teddy bears picnic w/c 15th July 2019

Dawn will be buying the children's school book bags as a leaving gift from us. If parents could let us know how to order for any schools other than Hungate and key persons will collect them

Parking at nursery

We have received a number of complaints regarding inappropriate parking over the last few weeks, please can we remind all parents/visitors to park in the bays provided and ask that no one parks in the thoroughfare outside nursery as this is not a parking bay. The carpark is becoming very busy and this is to allow access in and out of the carpark at all times. As always, the yellow cone will be placed in our bays to allow sufficient parking for parents dropping off and collecting

Parent Partnership is crucial to us and your child. Thank you to all those parents who share their child's adventures and achievements via our parent email (kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com) and in their Learning journey. Please could you let us know if you and your family celebrate any religious festivals and we will share these at nursery.

Please take a look at our planning board which is displayed near the water area.

Question of the month "have you updated your childcare code or applied for your 30 hours childcare for September on childcare choices" (for eligible 3 and 4 year olds)

98% of you answered 'Yes' to "Have you met our lovely new apprentice Holly" Which was our question of the month in May

Parent Partnership helps us plan effectively. Thank you.

If you would like to see what your child has been learning we regularly share photos and updates on our website blog and Facebook

DIARY DATES

Parents Consultations will take place from W/c 8th July

Training Day 22nd July 2019

Teddy bears picnic w/c 15th July 2019

Nursery will close from Monday 12th August for the summer holidays

Grant Forms for funded places

By now parents should have received their grant forms, we have a number of these forms outstanding, could we politely ask that these forms are returned to nursery by Thursday 20th June in order for us to receive funding.

Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents that have donated any items that we have asked for to support our children's learning.

We now have plenty of items to use in our outdoor loose parts area. Due to us having limited storage space we are now unable to take anymore donations.

We also have enough spare clothes for the time being so we would politely ask for no more donations of spare clothes at this time..... We will inform you when our supplies are running low again.

Many Thanks

Team Kirkgate

Our Special Visitors The children have been really enjoying some special visits over the last couple of weeks – we have had a visit from Sherburn Police, The RAF, a dentist and the Fire service will be visiting in July to talk to the children about their occupations and how to keep safe..... We look forward to sharing everything we have done on our website after the fire service has visited us.

Term Time Only or All Year-Round Place

We have noticed while gathering numbers for the Easter holidays that there is some confusion surrounding TTO and AYR places – we would like to bring to your attention that in September our terms and conditions were sent out for this school year and parents will have chosen a TTO or AYR place. If you signed for a term time only place then holidays will need to be booked when we begin to collect numbers for the holidays and if you signed for an all year round place this means that you are paying for the holidays as well and these will be charged for as per the terms and conditions. A copy will have been issued to parents once signed

Going forward we will no longer be calling holiday car "holiday club" we will be offering TTO and AYR places as we staff for the holidays based on what kind of place has been booked

We require four weeks' notice to make amendments to your child's days/booking. If you require any holiday cover over the first three weeks of summer please let your child's key person know