



Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) is something that we are very passionate about as we believe that every child is unique and require the right support and challenges to succeed.

As we have new families starting their journey with us over the next few weeks, we would like to make you aware of a child with identified SEN needs this child has a condition called **Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)**, which means their skin blisters with friction and shearing forces. We encourage the children to be mindful of how they play physically with and alongside this child.

We currently have a child in setting that has **severe allergies** to a number of foods, we have various things in place to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction but ask for your help in this matter by ensuring that childrens packed lunches do not include anything **with peanuts or tree nuts. (almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, chestnuts, hazelnut, Macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, walnuts)**

If exposed to the above products or any foods on the child's allergy list it can cause Anaphylaxis which is the most serious type of allergic reaction, staff are trained in using an Epi – Pen and what to do in an emergency situation

If you have any concerns about the above information please speak to Sarah who is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator or Kim who is our Assistant Manager, however we will always respect confidentiality with all our families where necessary

Friendly Reminders



- Please remember to place an ice pack in your child's lunch box to keep it nice and cool until lunch time
- Please ensure to leave some spare clothes in a draw string bag on your child's peg, whilst we do have some spare clothes we don't have the space to store large amounts of different sized clothes.
- Please ensure that your child's lunch box is clearly labelled so that we can ensure that it is your child's lunch we are giving them. We have number of children with allergies and children who have the same lunchboxes so if they are clearly labelled it saves time over the busy lunch period and keeps children with allergies safe.
- Please can we remind parents that we do not have facilities on site to heat children's food at lunch time, children are able to bring hot food for lunch however it will need to be in a thermos flask to keep it at a suitable temperature for lunchtime.
- Please can we ask that toys from home are not brought into setting, children are finding it hard to share their own toys or become upset when they get lost. This does not include comforters and children that are settling.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our named First Aiders are.

Dawn Stevenson

Sarah Balata

Kate Johnson

Kim Foxall

Lucy Bingham

Holly Conway



Dates for your diary

Staff training days:

Wednesday 16th October 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 20th July 2020.

Funding is received from the authority for 38 weeks a year, therefore if your child has a funded place and attends in the school holidays that we are open or the first week in September there will be a charge to yourself of either £38 a day or £19 half a day.

Christmas party day: Friday 20th December 2019 – invites to follow

Nursery closed: Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2019



We would like to wish a very warm welcome to all of our new families, the children are settling in beautifully into Kirkgate Childcare.

Welcome back to all of existing families, it is lovely to see you all. We hope you have had an amazing summer holiday.

Everywhere bear

The children were introduced to a new friend in nursery last week, our Everywhere Bear. The children will all have the opportunity to take the everywhere bear home and document his adventures over the week in his learning journal. The idea behind the everywhere bear is that it is a link between nursery and home and will teach the children about communities wider than their own. He has already had an amazing time at ninja school, Fields garden centre and a visit to the seaside.

*The Everywhere Bear has a home on a shelf
But he doesn't spend very much time by himself,
For each boy and girl in the class is a friend
And he goes home with one of them every Tuesday*

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 "Are you aware of the changes to our staffing structure and key groups?"

98% of you answered 'Yes' to "if you have or need to make a complaint do you know who to go to?"

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

Key Groups By now you should have all received a letter regarding our staffing structure and changes to key groups.

Red Group: if your child is in red group, they will have either Kim or Holly as a key person and in each other's absence, they will be your child's link key person.

Blue Group: Kate has now joined blue group – Sarah and Kate are job share. Sarah now works Mon-Weds and Kate works Thurs and Fri with Lucy supporting your children in their absence as link key person.

Children's Learning Journeys

If you still have your child's learning journey from our previous parents' consultations last term could we politely request that they are returned to nursery at your earliest convenience to ensure your child's key person can update them, many thanks

Our next consultations will take place W/c 9th December 2019

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 care "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

Recommended time to apply for funding from January



If you have a child who turns 3 between 1st September 2019 and 31st December 2019 then they may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare depending on your circumstances from 1st January 2020.

The recommended time to apply for a January start is between 15th October 2019 to 30th November 2019, however you can apply for your code now if you wish. This can be applied for on the childcare choice's website.

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