

*Happy Staff, Happy Children, Happy Parents
Foundations For Life*

What do I need in my bag:

We do ask that each child brings their own bag to be placed on their peg with a few essentials for their day at nursery!

We ask that where possible children use a drawstring bag to save on space, if you have already purchased a rucksack, we don't expect you purchase a new one we just ask that you place rucksacks underneath the pegs.

Here's a list of a few things your child will need:

- Spare clothes (a couple of changes should be enough to warrant messy play and nappy/toileting accidents, we do ask that this doesn't include any precious clothing as we like to get messy and wouldn't want anything to get ruined)
- Wipes - we don't provide wipes for nappy changes
- Nappy cream if needed
- Comforters We will always try our best to ensure all items are returned safely home.

We would highly recommend labelling your child's things, however, as this helps us to remember which child they belong to! We have lots of children to remember which item belongs to each and without labels it can cause delays at the end of the day we would hate for anything to get lost.

FAMILY WALL

Thank you to everyone who has sent a photo for the family wall. If you haven't already sent a family photo please email one to kirkgatechildcarePP@outlook.com the children really enjoy looking at their photos and taking about their family and can become upset if they don't have one on the wall.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Professional Development Training Day

Monday 2nd September 2024 - closed to ALL children.

Monday 2nd September 2024

UNFUNDED WEEK

Monday 6th January 2024

UNFUNDED WEEK

[Find our holiday dates here](#)



I think you're very special,
And I just wanted you to know,
This year has been amazing,
I'm so sad to see you go!
We've done so much together,
We've laughed and smiled and learned,
After such an exciting journey,
Enjoy the summer break you've earned.
Remember to come and visit,
I would love to see you grow,
You have a lot to learn ahead,
But there is one thing you should know:
The thing that makes you wonderful,
And will shine through all you do,
Is just to be yourself,
And be proud that you are you!

Reminders

As we head into the warmer months, please ensure children come to nursery in clothes appropriate to the weather, nursery can become very warm so cool loose-fitting clothing is a must, we do not allow vest style tops in nursery as they can be a sunburn hazard for children.

Absence

Please note that we are unable to swap days or offer an alternative day if your child is absent from nursery. If your child is going to be absent, please call the nursery phone or email to let us know, as per Ofsted requirements we do have a duty of care to contact families if children are absent for a day or more without contact.

Drop Off and Collection

Can we kindly remind you that we open at 7.30 am and close at 5.00 pm and any parents who pick up after this time will be charged. The same applies to our 12.30pm collection.

Lunchboxes and water bottles

Please ensure your child's lunchbox includes an icepack and both lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly labelled.

Wipes If your child wears nappies, please remember these must be provided along with a packet of baby wipes.

Birthday Treats

Children are always welcome to bring in a treat to celebrate their birthdays, the only thing we do not allow is lollypops. These will be put in the entrance for parents to make the choice.

Juice

Children's bottles should contain water only unless there is a medical need. Please speak to your child's key person if you have any problems.

Cutlery

Children do not need to bring cutlery in their lunchbox, we provide cutlery at lunchtime. We have a number of families who have lost spoons sent in for lunch. You are welcome to check the box if you are missing an item.

Drop Off and Collection

Can we Politely remind you that we open at 7.30 am and close at 5.00 pm and any parents who pick up after this time will be charged. £15.00 up to the first 15 minutes and £15.00 per 15 minutes thereafter.

The same applies to our 12.30pm collection.

Unfortunately, if you arrive at 5.00pm or after we will not be able to offer a handover, please don't be offended if your child is ready in the entrance if you are here at 5.00pm or after our staff team have other commitments and children to collect outside of nursery and on occasion have been charged by their own providers through no fault of their own but because parents are late collecting from nursery.

Childcare Choices

By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.

The changes are being introduced gradually to ensure providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.

From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.

Families in receipt of two year working family funding please note your two year code will run right up until the term after your child's 3rd birthday before they are eligible for 30 hours funding

Like the existing offer, these hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year or up to 46 weeks with us if you use fewer than your total hours per week, this is known as a stretched place.

3&4-year-olds (30 hours)

If you are already receiving additional 3- & 4-year-old funding, look out for a prompt every three months from HMRC to reconfirm your details so that your eligibility can be re-assessed. If you do not do this, please note that we are unable to

claim the funding on your behalf and your sessions will become payable by parents as per our terms and conditions and funding agreement.

You can check if you're eligible by clicking [HERE](#)



We hope you all have a wonderful summer, we look forward to welcoming new and existing parents back in September.

Toilet Training

Toilet training is always a big subject for parents; when, how, what's "normal" can seem like a daunting task.

The first thing to remember: those sensations, weeing and bowel movements outside a snug nappy (the feeling they've known their whole life), can trigger some big emotions for young children.

Signs of toileting readiness

- Awareness of having a wee or the need to go.
- Recognise when they are wet or soiled.
- No bowel movements through the night.
- Showing an interest when family members use the toilet.
- Dry nappy for long periods

Major physical or emotional upheavals can affect the success of potty training. If you start potty training and things aren't going well carry on with nappies for a while longer and try again in a few weeks' time.

Some parents choose to wait till the summer months to toilet train, as they'll have fewer clothes to change when children have accidents.

Remember its harder to toilet train a child who isn't ready and will only cause frustration for parent and child.

For some reason our culture has crammed toilet training into a set window of 2-5 years and children are all different and shine at different times..... let's be honest when have you ever bring asked what age you were toilet trained.

Another point to remember

Telling children to use the potty rather than waiting for their cues will prevent accidents, but it does not help your child's sense of autonomy. Resisting the urge to constantly take them to the toilet or repeatedly ask is important.

The problem when we constantly request a child go on cue is that we don't give them opportunity to recognize their bodies signals.

There are four main types of power struggles/behaviour issues that you may encounter when toilet training:

- Toilet refusal.
- Intentional accidents.
- Tantrums related to potty training.
- Complete lack of interest or desire to learn.

Instead of getting caught up in the power struggle, it's important to give your child a level of control.

As children grow and crave more independence, they also begin to experiment with boundaries and control. Almost every aspect of a child's life is completely out of their control, so it makes sense that they want to feel like they are in control of something.

Toilet training before a child is ready can lead to frustration, voluntary withholding, constipation, soiling and urinary tract infections.

You want to make this a positive experience, so keep a neutral voice, try not to shout or yell when accidents happen (as they will) and can foster feelings of shame and doubt in your child.

It's very common for children to master daytime use of the toilet first, staying dry through the night typically comes a while after that, even years after.



Over the last few weeks the children have really enjoyed taking part in lots of hands on activities from creating a volcano and hydrophobic sand to exploring kinetic sand.

Waiting list/funded days and funding forms

Please note we are once again full in September and have quite a lot of families on the waiting list who are hoping for a place with us, if you are planning on making any changes to your child's sessions please let us know ASAP.

Most of our families should have received an emailing from Dawn over the last week detailing their funded days and times for September.

Families will be receiving new funding forms via email over the next few days it's important that these are signed and returned promptly.

The children have been really interested in jigsaws over the last few weeks and are moving onto more complicated ones.

If anyone is having a clear out and has any large jigsaws with the big pieces they would be gratefully received by nursery.





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