

Yokerburn Nursery

Parent Newsletter Autumn 2023



WELCOME BACK!

Firstly, a big welcome back to all of our children after the summer break - we hope you all had a fantastic summer and it is so lovely to welcome you all back to nursery! There has been movement throughout the nursery over the summer with some children moving up to their new rooms and some staff also moving rooms but the children are all settling well into their new environments. We also have some new children joining Yokerburn over the coming weeks and I am sure you will all make our new friends feel very welcome!



STAFF NEWS

In August we welcomed back our CDO Jemma from her maternity leave. Jemma has joined the 2-3 room and I am sure you will join us in giving her a big Yokerburn welcome back! We also sent our lovely CDO Alyssa off on her maternity leave and we all wish her well for her new arrival when the time comes! We have also welcomed a new CDO to the team, Rebecca. Rebecca will be joining the 2-3 room so please give a big hello when you meet her! This year **Mary** and **Naomi** will be looking after the 3-5 rooms and **Melissa** and **Avril** will be looking after the Under 3's.



ALLERGY AWARENESS

We would like to remind all parents & carers that children are not permitted to bring any food or drink items into the nursery. This includes items in their bags or eating/drinking on their way into the building. We have several children and staff members with severe allergies, which in some cases can lead to anaphylactic shock. It is therefore extremely important that we can monitor all food and drinks consumed within the nursery at all times.

If your child has been eating or consuming any of the following items before nursery we would ask that you please wash their hands and face before coming into the building.

Strawberries, Pears, Kiwis, Nuts, Fish.

We would also ask that you please pass this information on to anyone who may drop off or collect your child.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be taking part in this year's MacMillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. This will be taking place on **Friday 29th September** and will be a full campus event - more details to follow!



MEDICATION

If your child is requiring any form of medication please speak to a member of the management team. We can only accept medication if it is labelled with a prescription label from the GP or Pharmacist with your child's name. There is paperwork that is required to be filled in before any medication can be given, a member of management will go through this with you. We would also like to make all parents & carers aware that at no point should your child have any form of medication (prescription or otherwise) within their nursery bag. Thank you!



ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery we would ask that you please contact us by phone on 0141-952-9962 at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that if your child has experienced any sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be off nursery for **48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea**. This is vitally important to prevent the spread of illness within the nursery.

We would ask that you please consider if your child will be happy to attend nursery when they are unwell. Although children can attend if suffering from a cold or mild illness they may not be feeling themselves within the playroom environment and may not feel entirely comfortable. We would ask that you please consider this before sending your child to nursery unwell.

If your child takes unwell at nursery we may call you to request that your child is collected. This is only done in the best interest of the child and we would ask that you please arrange collection of your child as soon as you can.



HEAD LICE

Head lice are a common problem which can affect the whole community, adults and children alike. However, head lice infection is most common amongst children. If you find any sign of head lice please let a member of the team know. The parents/ carers and child's right to privacy will always be respected and therefore no alert letters will be issued to other parents. We advise it is good practice to check your child's hair regularly for the presence of head lice. There is no exclusion policy for Head Lice, once your child has been treated they can return to nursery as normal. Head Lice treatment can be found at your local pharmacy.



TWITTER / X

Twitter has recently re-branded and is now called 'X'. This has made no change to our account and you can still find us @yokerburn via the 'twitter / x' app. This account is private and can only be viewed by our parents & carers. If you would like to follow our account please request this via the 'twitter/x' app and then let us know your username so that we are able to identify and accept you.



COMING PREPARED TO NURSERY

The weather has been very changeable these last few weeks and it is important to send your child to nursery with everything they need for their nursery day. If the weather is hot and sunny we would ask that you please apply sun cream to your child before coming to nursery and provide them with a sun hat for use during outdoor play. As the weather turns colder we would ask that you please provide wellies, a warm waterproof jacket, hat, scarf and gloves. Having the correct clothing allows your child to enjoy outdoor play in all weathers. We would ask that you please put your child's name on all items of clothing as this allows us to easily identify and return any lost property.



MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We would ask that parents do not enter the playrooms unless instructed to do so by a member of staff. Simply knock the playroom door to alert staff that you are waiting. It is vitally important that we maintain a safe environment for all children during their time at nursery therefore playroom doors should only be opened and closed by a member of staff. When entering the main nursery door we advise all parents and carers not to hold the door open for other adults. It is important that we are aware of all adults who are entering the building throughout the day. When you arrive please press '1' **and the bell button**, this will alert a member of staff in the office that you are waiting to enter. Please state clearly the name of the child you are collecting, this allows us to quickly identify you and allow you entry into the building. If there is a different person collecting your child who has not attended the nursery before please make a member of staff aware of this so that we can set up a security password and make all relevant staff aware.



TOY FUND

Your continued support and contributions to our Toy Fund helps to ensure that we can provide the children with special experiences such as baking, special events, birthday presents, summer trips & other things to enhance their time at nursery. Every child has a Toy Fund donation envelope - these will be handed out to every child. All donations can be posted in the Toy Fund donation box at the main office. A suggested donation amount is £2 a week or whatever you are able to give. **THANK YOU!**



OUR COMMUNITY

Check out our brand-new Community Information board outside the main office. Here you can find lots of helpful information regarding initiatives and events happening within the community. If there is anything you would like to add to the board please speak to the office.



GLASGOW HELPS

Yokerburn Nursery have been selected to take part in a new scheme called Glasgow Helps. Glasgow Helps is a new service set up to work directly with the people of Glasgow. They offer free, confidential support, information and advice for citizens on a wide range of issues including: **Food Support, Employability, Mental Health, Physical Health, Fuel Support, Housing Issues** and much more. They will listen to what you need, what your aims are, and work with you to help you to access the right support services at the right time in the right place. We have the lovely Elaine from Glasgow Helps who will be in the nursery once a fortnight to chat to anyone who is wishing to make use of the service. You can also contact them on **0141 276 1185** or at www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowhelps Leaflets with more information can also be collected from the foyer.



UNIFORM

There is **NOT** a mandatory uniform for children at Yokerburn Nursery, however we do have polo shirts, t-shirts and fleeces available to purchase from My Clothing. If you wish to order any uniform please follow the below link:

<https://myclothing.com/collections/yokerburn-nursery-25773>



IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our focuses for this year are:

- Promoting healthy living, developing skills for self-regulation, healthy eating, being active & emotionally secure
- Collaborative working by staff to enhance all children's learning outcomes and creativity through digital technologies and STEM opportunities
- Staff will use trackers to identify children's stage of development and to plan next steps in learning

We would value your comments and suggestions for anything to include in our next Improvement Plan (if you wish to email us with ideas please do)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 22nd September 2023 - Nursery closed to all children (September Weekend)

Monday 25th September 2023 - Nursery closed to all children (September Weekend)

Friday 13th October 2023 - Nursery closed to all children (In-Service Day)

Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023 - Nursery closed to all **Term Time** children (October Week)

A list of all holiday dates for the year is available from the nursery office.