

# The Roche Nursery School

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to The Roche Nursery School; we are looking forward to a busy autumn term in Nursery. The key teachers in the Nursery are Miss Luci (Nursery Manager), Mrs Tulsi, Mrs Lydia and Mrs Erika. Our dance teacher is Miss Léa who teaches on Wednesdays and Mr Francis teaches sport on Thursdays (children will need to be dressed in sports kit on a Thursday).



We will be sending out a comprehensive list of diary dates with this letter but would like to draw your attention to the following important date:

***Welcome and curriculum talk for Nursery parents- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm in the Nursery.***

We now have a list of email addresses and will be sending out a weekly newsletter. If you would like a different email address added please let Miss Luci know.

We will also post important messages and a copy of the school newsletter on the Nursery notice board, so please check this regularly. Our Class reps will also be in contact with any reminders.

## **Start and End of the School Day**

The Nursery door will be open between 8.40am and 9.15 each day. After their first week at school your child should be in the Nursery by 9.15am at the latest each day to ensure that they have access to free-flow play and any activities which have been planned by their key teacher.



## **Parent Communication**

This week your child will come home with a comment book. This book provides you with an opportunity to have an open and regular dialogue with your child's key teacher. If you would like to communicate anything about your child please write your message in the book and **leave the book bag hanging on the hook outside the classroom.** Each week your child will be given a weekly target as well as information about what they have achieved/enjoyed that week at Nursery. We pride ourselves on having good partnerships with parents and operate an 'open door' policy. If you feel you would like to speak to a member of staff please arrange an

appointment for before or after school. Mrs Gabriella Emery, our Head of Nursery, is also available.

### **Curriculum**

Each day we offer the children free-flow play (choice of outside and classroom play based learning) and a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities. Most mornings, the children have access to two focused activities. One activity is within a small group and the other activity is part of the free-flow play, available to all the children. Teachers also continue to work individually with each child and their key groups. Our free-flow plan will be posted on the Nursery notice board each week so that you can see how we have prepared the environment according to the children's interests.



At snack time the children are encouraged to help themselves to freshly prepared fruit as well as having the option of a biscuit. We are also encouraging the children to pour their own milk or water with support.

This term's project is 'My Thoughts and Feelings'. The notice board outside describes our weekly project activities that provide suggestions for follow up ideas at home; this information is also on our website. Feel free to bring in any resources related to our project that you might have at home and we will take good care of them.

We have a phonics focus activity weekly and our notice board informs you of the weekly letter sound we will be learning. At this early stage it would be helpful if parents could refrain from calling the letters by their alphabet name and support us by pronouncing them according to their phonetic sound e.g. 'a' for apple and 'b' for ball.

All children will have forest school activities on Tuesdays with our Forest School leader, Miss Jacquie. A school 'puddle suit' can be purchased at Perry uniform and be kept at school. Please can the children bring in wellington boots every Tuesday.

We also invite parents to prepare and supervise an art activity every Wednesday morning. A list has now been posted on the notice board for you to sign up. If you need help with resources, we are very happy to provide you with any materials you require. Please ask the teachers for any help with ideas.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and Mrs Gabriella and I are always happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Miss Luci

