

# Somerville Nursery School

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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

## Newsletter – September 2020



### Welcome to the Autumn Term

Following the extended time away from Nursery, it has been wonderful to see our returning children again and to welcome lots of new children. The children have settled in well and are eager to explore and get to know the environment, build new relationships, as well as learn new routines and skills.

#### Drop-off & Pick-up

Many thanks for your support in following our Covid-safe drop-off and pick-up routines. These will continue to be in operation until advised otherwise. Please see **revised** times below:

#### **Butterflies & Bumblebees:**

(follow the one-way system)  
Drop-off between 9.00am-9.10am  
Morning pick up between 11.50am-12.00pm  
Afternoon drop-off between 12.30pm-12.40pm  
Afternoon pick-up between 3.20pm-3.30pm

#### **Caterpillars**

Drop-off between 9.10-9.20am  
Morning pick up between 11.40am-11.50pm  
Afternoon drop-off between 12.40pm-12.50pm  
Afternoon pick-up between 3.10pm-3.20pm

**Please note that once our gates are locked it will not be possible to admit children as this would mean staff moving between bubbles.**

### Themes/Interests for this half term

Following lockdown, in line with Government advice, our main focus for this half term will be settling children into nursery and focusing on the Prime Areas of learning. These are: Personal, Social & Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development. As the term progresses staff will tune into children's interests and plan activities to extend their learning.

#### Lunches

If your child attends nursery for full day sessions please check whether they are entitled to Free School Meals. **Apply for Free School Meals... it's quick and easy using the online form at:** <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

If your child has packed lunches please make sure their lunch box and drink bottle are clearly labelled with their name. For safety reasons, please do not put your child's lunch in a plastic bag. Healthy lunches: please note that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets should not be provided.



#### Sessions

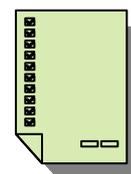
If you have any queries about your child's sessions please speak to Mrs Booth. Please note that swapping sessions is not permitted, unless under exceptional circumstances and only if we can accommodate your request.

### Term Dates

We will close for the half- term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### School Office Hours

The office is staffed between 8:30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. each day. Please note that you must telephone rather than calling in person. Tel: 0151 638 1567



#### Forms and permission slips

If you have been asked to complete any forms or permission slips, please return these to us as soon as possible as it is important that our records are kept up to date. Thank you

#### Website

[www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/](http://www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/)  
**Please check the website regularly, the latest formation can be found here.**



#### Covid-19

If anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus your child must not come to nursery and you should phone us to advise. Symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a change to your sense of smell or taste

Please access 'Covid information for parents' on the school website

### Change of Clothes



Please provide a bag with spare clothes for your child that can be **kept in school**. Ensure all items

have their name on them.

Even if your child does not have toileting accidents we still need a spare set for general accidents e.g. falling in a puddle!

For those children who are not yet toilet trained, please remember to put spare nappies/pull-ups and wipes in their bags.

**Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled clearly with your child's name.**

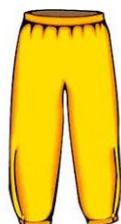
### Keeping us up-to-date

Please let us know if your contact details have changed. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergencies. In addition, should you wish to make any changes to who can collect your child from nursery, please advise us in writing so that we can update your child's 'pick up list'.



### Supporting independence

In order to support your child as they become independent, please consider what they are wearing to Nursery. **We would strongly recommend that children wear jogging pants with an elasticated waist** as they can more readily manage these when accessing the toilets and changing facilities. We would also ask that children do not come to Nursery in shoes with laces. Many thanks for your support.



### Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks, fruit bread etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

We ask for a small donation of £1 per week. Pay weekly or every half term – please place your contribution into the tin next to your child's classroom door.

### Clothes

**Sweatshirts** with the school logo on are currently on order. Please check the window in the office for an update. Once back in stock sweaters will be available at a cost of £8. Please place your order over the phone and Mrs. Irlam will arrange a collection time with you.

### Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to childcare providers for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. This funding will be used to enhance the quality of early years' experience by improving the teaching, learning, facilities and resources, with the aim of impacting positively on your child's progress and development. Please check and register here:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/early-years-pupil-premium#wgSM-3>

### Evidence Me

We've started to use a new system which will allow us to share what your child is doing in school. The 'Parent Share' feature in Evidence Me enables you to view your child's observations (complete with photos and/or videos) via the app or web suite, showing you what your child has been learning and the new skills they are developing. We think these will really brighten up your day! You will be able to send us your comments and feedback by simply adding them to the observations via the app or web suite. This will help our staff to support your child even more effectively in the classroom.

You can also take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations, simply add these to the app or web suite.

If you have already completed the Evidence Me permission slip you will soon receive an email from donotreply@evidence.me asking you to confirm that you would like to participate. (Make sure you check your spam/junk) If you are yet to complete the slip, please do so as soon as possible so that we can start sharing your child's learning with you.



**Finally – in the future newsletters will be sent out by email. Please ensure that you add Somerville Nursery to your address book and if in doubt please check your spam / junk mail.**

