



## White House Nursery Oakwood Parent Newsletter – Summer 2021

### General Reminders

- Please can you ensure all your children's belongings are clearly labelled, this will minimise items going home with the wrong child.
- Please ensure your personal & contact details are always kept up to date in the event we have to contact you in an emergency. You can do this via the Parent Zone app.



### What to pack in your nursery bag...

- ☒ A supply of wipes (All children)
- ☒ A supply of nappies
- ☒ Changes of clean clothes
- ☒ Nappy Cream
- ☒ Child's Medication  
(To be handed over to unit staff and documents signed)
- ☒ Seasonal items  
(Wellies, hat, gloves, coat or snow suit, sun hat)
- ☒ Spare underwear
- ☒ Comforter (If applicable)

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix ups!



### What NOT to pack in your nursery bag...

- ☒ Adults Medication
- ☒ Snacks/ Sweets
- ☒ Drinks
- ☒ Nappy Sacks
- ☒ Plastic Bags
- ☒ Cigarettes
- ☒ Money



Some of these items could be a health and safety risk for children, please ensure they are not left in nursery bags.  
Thank you.

### Bank Holidays and Closures

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August is a bank holiday and nursery will be closed to all children.
- Our 38 week funded children break up on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for half term and return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our 38 week funded children break up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July for the Summer holidays and return on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.
- Our 44 week contract children break up on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July and return on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### COVID-19 Update

- At the moment we are awaiting further guidance from the government before we make any changes to our current procedures. We will of course update you as and when we can.
- In the meantime can we ask that all parents and carers continue to wear their face coverings when dropping off and collecting children, and continue to social distance whilst queueing.

### Payment of Fees

- Payment of fees is due upon receipt of your invoice which you will receive by email at the start of the month. If you pay/part pay by childcare vouchers, it is your responsibility to ensure they are set up correctly.



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- If you wish to take the stress out of paying your fees, you can sign up to our Direct Debit system. Please ask your nursery management for more information on this.
- If you receive 30 hours funding or TAX- free childcare payments, you must reconfirm your code before it lapses in order to receive your full entitlement. It is your responsibility to keep up with your childcare fees.
- If a debt arises you will be subject to further costs and your child's place at the nursery may be terminated.

### **Funding Reminder**

- Please can parents whose children come into funding for September apply for the 30 hour code before the 31st August 2021. If you do not apply for the 30 hour code, you will not be able to claim the 30 hour funding from September

### **Contracts and Fees**

- Our annual fee increase will be effective as of September 2021. We have new price lists and academic calendars for September 2021 to September 2022. If you would like a copy of your calendar, please ask a member of staff when collecting/dropping off your child, a printed copy can be given, or you can have it emailed to you.

### **Staff Training**

Our staff continue to update their knowledge and skills through online training methods. They have been looking at the new changes to the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum that will come into place in September 2021.



- Sophie and Lucy have completed behaviour and attitudes training.
- First aid training continues to be updated and carried out this ensures our staff team have up to date information in this area. We will continue to use this method of training until it is safe for us to resume face- to -face training facilities.

### **Staff Updates**

- We have recently welcomed Amber our newest staff members to our pre-school team.
- Amelia has joined our toddler unit team.
- We welcome Sam back from maternity leave she will also be based in toddlers. These staff members will be joining the toddler room to cover Amber and Katie's maternity leave.
- Sophie is leaving us to join a nursery closer to home. We wish her all the best for the future.



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Amber	Amelia	Sam	Sophie

### School Transitions

- If your child is leaving us to start school in September 2021 please can you email [oakwood@whitehousenursies.com](mailto:oakwood@whitehousenursies.com) confirming your child's last day with us. Ensuring you give 4 week's notice as stated in your childcare agreement.
- Summer term assessments – You will receive up to date information through Parent Zone from your child's key worker with a current report of how your child is developing and progressing with their learning. You will receive this report by the end of August. Once you have received your child's assessment if you have any questions, please contact the nursery to speak to your child's key person.

### Dates For Your Diary

- w/c 7<sup>st</sup> June – We will be promoting Child Safety Week and will be sending some information via Facebook etc.
- w/c 14<sup>th</sup> June – The children will be busy with arts and crafts to celebrate Fathers Day/male carer day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – We will be celebrating International Mud Day. Please see you child's individual room newsletter for more details about these activities.
- School Leavers Graduation Party – Please save the date Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (if your child is leaving us for school this September your child will be invited to the Graduation Party 10.15am-12.15am) Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to this event. However we will be sending out photos and videos from the day.
- Graduation Photos – This year our nursery photographer will be coming to take Graduation photos of school leavers **ONLY** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If your child does not attend nursery on Fridays, you may bring your child between



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10am-11.30am to have their photo taken. The photographer will be social distancing and following all the COVID-19 government guidelines to run the photo shoots safely.

### **Nursery Development**

- The toddler unit are now enjoying the extra space they have in the cabin. They have been using this space for music and movement, dough disco, arts and crafts, baking and science experiments. We are currently waiting for some new soft play equipment to arrive, and we will share the children's views and experiences of this very soon!!
- Our landscape gardener will be starting work revamping the grass area and the hill to add some new outdoor opportunities for the children. We look forward to this work starting and will keep you updated on the progress.

### **Parent Zone**

- If you haven't yet activated your Parent Zone account, please contact the office to do this so you can access all the fantastic features it has to offer! Including daily updates about your child's day, update your contact details at the touch of a button, photos and videos from nursery, observations about your child's development and your whole invoice history in one place!
- We love to see what the children have been getting up to at home, so don't forget to complete your own short observations at the weekend and keep us updated on your child's milestones.
- Parent Zone is also a great communication tool for practitioners and parents to interact on a more personal level. View your reminders and read comments from your child's key worker so you are always in the loop.

### **Drop off & Collection of Children**

- We would like to remind parents that due to COVID-19 restrictions we are trying to keep feedback at the door to a minimum to avoid parents having to queue at the door for long periods of time and to help facilitate social distancing.
- Where extended feedback is needed for children with complex needs, we ask that you please call the nursery either before or after your child's session so this can be done in private.
- If you do experience long queues when dropping off or collecting your child, we apologise for any inconvenience.

### **Fancy Dress Fundraiser Week – #SupportingJordansRecovery**

- We had such an amazing week fundraising to help support Jordan and his family. It was amazing to see the children enjoying the themes on offer and to be supporting such a great cause at the same time. We are SO thankful to everyone who got involved and donated. Check out our Facebook page for the total amount!!