



PUDDLEDUCKS

DAY NURSERY

Dear Parents and Carers

** February 2021 Nursery Update **

Hello everyone, we hope you have all settled in to the New Year now, including those who are new to us!

We wanted to send a thank you for your continued support during this time, including your support to help us stay as safe as possible by keeping distance at the front door and wearing a face covering, it just provides an extra measure for you and our staff to remain as safe as possible so we appreciate your understanding with this. Can we please remind you that when entering/leaving the Nursery driveway, we will ask that you remain at distance from any other family regardless of the fact if you see them as part of your bubble. Please understand, this is not us trying to be difficult, it saves us getting queries from other parents who do not know your situation. Many thanks for your cooperation with this 😊

Invoice Reminders – Just a quick reminder to check your February invoices, due to our fee increase some of you haven't changed the amount you pay from January so there will be a little owing. Unless otherwise arranged with us, can we please ask that you ensure your monthly payment is with us by the 15th. For those whose first time paying an invoice i.e. new starters or if you are paying the meal contributions now – all the payment details you will need are on the bottom of your invoice 😊

Management additions – As you will all know Sam plays a very big part of our team and the running of Puddleducks. Due to our restructure of Management last year, we are very pleased to announce that Sam will now be taking on a Joint Deputy Manager position to assist myself and Lauren. This will take effect immediately so please do not hesitate to speak with Lauren or Sam as they will remain a daily contact for you and will both run as joint Deputy Managers. Lauren will continue to run the pre - school room, as will Sam running the Toddler room. If Sam is your child's key person please don't worry – this will not change, as she still has plenty of time to undertake her key person responsibilities. Please join us in wishing her all the best in her new position and congratulating her on her new achievement!

Progress reports & Next Steps – We hope that you all enjoyed reading your end of year progress reports from our ladies in replacement for our parents evening that we cannot undertake at the moment. We had some lovely feedback so thank you - the girls all worked really hard to make sure they were all personal and wanted you to have something to get a sense of your little ones time with us. Your child's individual next steps will be going out this month if you have not had them already – these just show you what we will be working on with your child throughout this term. (If you haven't been in these will be available for you on your return so don't worry)

Restrictions on children transitioning rooms due to Covid19: If your child is due to move to the next age group, we have had to revise how we do this due to government guidelines. Our old procedure included a variety of visits each week for a month to the next age group. This unfortunately cannot happen as it would mean mixing age group bubbles; we will be speaking to you individually if your child is affected, as transitions will be immediate at this time. We are very lucky that the children know all the staff which will help make the transition easier and wherever possible we are moving children in small groups do they go up with friends. We have had children move rooms already and they have all settled quickly and are enjoying exploring their new surroundings. Staff are being extra supportive with these children and making sure they are quickly settled and feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

An additional note, there may be a slight delay in your child transitioning to their next room. However, please be assured this will have no effect on their development as your child's key person will continue to provide challenging activities for your child at their level. The reason for this potential delay is due to our restrictions due to COVID and those who missed their transition during last year's lockdown.

Facebook Page: If you haven't already, please don't forget to like our Facebook page! We put regular updates on there as well as pictures and videos of all the fantastic activities we get up too! Also, we would love any reviews from you all on the 'review' section of the page, if you have a spare couple of minutes! 😊

February celebrations we will be undertaking: Valentines Day, Chinese New Year & Pancake Day!

Dates for your diary:

February Half Term is W/C 15TH February 2020 for the week. Returning Monday 22nd February :)

Christmas 2021 closure week: W/C 27th December 2021

Kind Regards,

Natalie and the Nursery Team