



# PUDDLEDUCKS

## DAY NURSERY

Dear Parents and Carers

### \*\* March 2021 Nursery Update \*\*

I'm sure you will all agree its lovely to get some more favourable weather over the past couple of weeks – we of course have our fingers crossed that this will continue ☺

If your child is in preschool could we please ask that you pop your little ones in footwear that they can - as much as possible are able to take on and off independently. Although we are of course always here to help, it is really important that the pre-schoolers are promoted to be as independent as possible, especially those who are going off to school. Please can we specifically ask for no laces ☺ In addition to this some of us ladies also don't have the required skill set with some of the shoes so it takes us extra time trying to get them on at busy points such as pick up times. Thank you in advance, it will be greatly appreciated.

**Collections and waiting** – We just wanted to send you a quick reminder that we do everything possible to get the children out in a speedy manner at the end of the day. We are aware that we can have quite a queue going but I can assure you we are all doing our very best to limit this and can only apologise if the waiting time is long on occasions. We are continuing to try and get a balancing act which involves ensuring we are being in depth enough for some parents who still require this, but speedy enough for others who are happy not to have the same level of hand over that they were perhaps used to when you were able to come in. I can assure you that we are doing our best to get children ready and get them to you from various rooms, whilst making sure that we keep to our room bubbles and ratios in the rooms whilst staff are also handing over, as well as continuing to make sure that we have our heightened cleaning and sterilizing in place. All the ladies really do their very best and although on occasions from the outside it may seem slow going, I can assure you from the inside is what we call 'organised chaos' to ensure that everything is done and most of all that the little ones are happy. Please be extra aware that pre-schoolers can take additional time, due to us still trying to promote their independence – a lot are off to school this year, and we must not take the opportunity away from them to get ready themselves and feel confident about doing so. Although we want a speedy get ready, sometimes it more important that a little one is given the time to put their own coat on and feel good about doing it without being rushed. We thank you again for your continued patience and understanding; we of course will continue to work hard to reduce your wait where ever possible.

**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.

There is a visual tour available on our website and Facebook page – if your child is moving room, do take a look so you can refresh yourselves with the preschool rooms or indeed we know some of you have not been able to see upstairs at all – we appreciate this is difficult, so we hope you being able to take a look inside will be helpful 😊

**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! 😊

**World Book Day:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – during this week we will be focusing on exploring books, different stories and incorporating books, print and the children's interests with this into that's week planning. Due to the current situation we will be asking that children do not dress up or bring items in from home.

**March celebrations we will be undertaking:** St David's Day, St Patricks Day, & Mother's Day surprises 😊

**Reminders: Please wear a mask face covering at collection; please only bring into nursery what you need too**

**Invoice Reminders** – Just a further reminder to check your March invoices, due to our fee increase some of you haven't changed the amount you pay from January so there may be additional owing from Jan/Feb. unless otherwise arranged with us, can we please ask that you ensure your monthly payment is with us by the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 😊

**Dates for your diary:**

**Easter Holidays for our term time families: 5<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.**

**Bank Holidays: Nursery closed: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Christmas 2021 closure week: W/C 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Kind Regards,

Natalie and the Nursery Team