

PETER PAN NEWS



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Dear Parents

Welcome to a new school year.

I am extremely pleased and proud to be the Interim Head Teacher of Peter Pan Nursery School and look forward to building on the great leadership of Isabel.

It is good to see so many of you return to us after what was a difficult end to last school year. We warmly welcome all our new children and families to Peter Pan, and hope that your time with us is a happy one.

Things are going to be a little different in school this term in order for us to work within the guidelines set down by the Government. I hope you can work with us to make sure we all stay safe. We will still provide a stimulating and exciting experience at nursery for your children.

If you have any concerns please do come and speak to me at any time.

Julie Smith
Interim Head Teacher

COVID 19 – how things will affect school

Our aim is to provide all children with the best experience of nursery school as we can. However, we are still required to adhere to the Government guidance to ensure the safety of all children and staff. Here are the main points that will change the way we are operating:

- Parents will no longer be allowed into the school building.
- Children will be handed over to staff in the playground.
- A one way system will be in operation to arrive and leave the school site and you will be asked to observe the social distancing markers in place.
- Children will wash their hands on arrival at school and more regularly throughout the day, and then again at the end of the session.
- We will clean the school more regularly throughout the day, particularly those things that are touched frequently like door handles, tables etc.
- The children have all been allocated 'bubbles' and will remain in these with the same staff for the foreseeable future.
- No bags from home will be allowed – please bring spare clothes and we will put them in a plastic bag and leave them on children's pegs.
- Please discourage children from bringing their own toys into school, particularly soft toys.

We hope that these measures keep us all safe at this difficult time. If you have any concerns please do come and talk to us.

School Term Dates

Academic calendar 2020/21

September 2020							October 2020							November 2020							December 2020										
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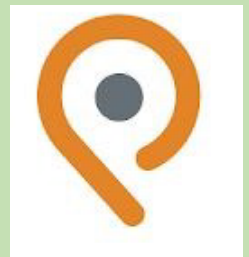
holidays
bank holidays

training days
home visits

A full Academic Calendar is available from the school website

Parent Hub

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you going forward. You can download the app from the google store or Apple store, create an account and search for @PeterPan.



School Fund

If you are able to donate £1 per week per family. We use this to purchase snack and those additional items for nursery that our budget doesn't cover.



Changes of clothes

Please ensure that you leave some spare clothes with us in case we need to change your child whilst they are at school. We will keep these clothes in a plastic bag that we provide until they are used, then they will be sent home.

Nappies and wipes

Please bring nappies and wipes to leave in school if your child still needs them.

Contact details

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details in case of an emergency

Mobile Phones

We must remind you that you are not allowed to have your mobile phone out whilst on the school site. We ask this for the safeguarding of all our children.

Nursery School Life.....

All children settle into life at nursery at different rates. Whilst some will be happy to wave you off on day 2, others will want you to stay for a few sessions, this is completely normal and nothing to worry about.

We will work sensitively with both you and your child to ensure that the settling process works for you both.

If you see a child crying or upset in the nursery please do not be alarmed. The staff are all highly trained to step in and support them when the time is right. We reassure them that someone will always come back for them. Please speak to your child's keyworker if you have any concerns about your child settling.



Home learning

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason we have a home learning page on our website where you can access ideas for activities to do at home. We are also in the process of producing a home learning booklet that can be sent home should you need it. We will also stay in contact with you regularly to see if you are all okay and if there is any way we can support you and your child whilst you are at home.

Time for you

Your needs are just as important as your child, taking time out to care for yourself is really important as it will help to reduce stress and will promote rest, relaxation and a positive mindset.

Clare Oliver, our Family Support Worker is available for an informal chat or support and can signpost you to other services if needed.

Funding Forms

You will be asked to complete a form to enable us to claim your child's funding from the local authority. Please return these to school as soon as possible. If we miss the deadline we are unable to claim and you may be required to pay for your child's sessions.

Dropping off and picking up

Our school gates are open from 8.45am to 9.15am in the morning and 11.30am to 11.45am

In the afternoon they are open from 12.30pm – 12.45pm and 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Please try to arrive between these times and follow the one way system for dropping off and picking up.

We also ask that only one adult per family comes into school to minimise the potential risks to staff and children.