

Newsletter

17th September 2020

COVID TESTING

We will let you know by text if a child at Camborne Nursery has developed Covid symptoms and is having a test. Do not be alarmed, this is a precaution.

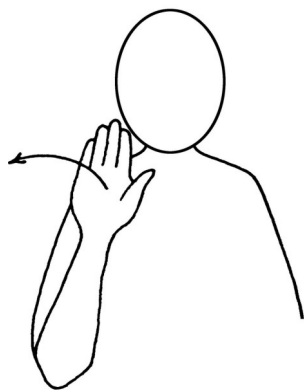
You do not need to do anything and the Nursery is open as usual.

If your child develops a high temperature, new cough or loss of taste and smell please arrange for a test. Help us to stay open and safe by following the government guidelines.

MAKATON

Here are some signs that the children have been learning this week:

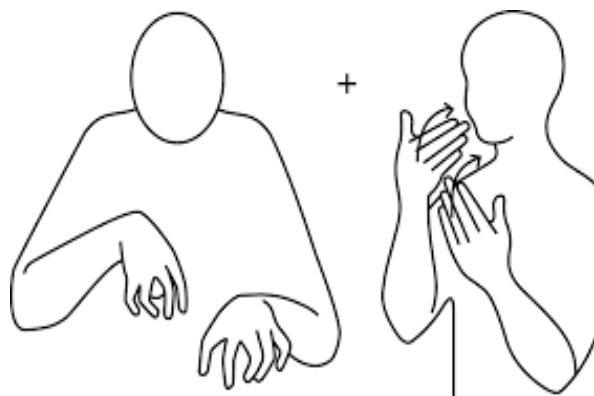
Hello



Gentle



Dinosaur



Hi everyone,

We have been welcoming some children back into Nursery this week and look forward to seeing all children back over the next two weeks. We have had such a great start with dinosaur games, painting, outdoor bug hunting, sunflower picking, playdough making, pulling carrots up, nursery rhyme bags, singing, bubble popping, observational drawing and listening to stories. Have a look at the photos below.

We have been working hard to keep children, parents and staff safe.

We will continue to keep you updated with the latest government guidelines and have attached a letter from Public Health South West.

Please remember during this pandemic if your child is ill please keep them at home. If your child has Covid symptoms please get a test by phoning 119 or by clicking on this link. [Arrange a test](#)

If you can't get a test they must stay at home for 10 days and the rest of the household for 14 days. If you can get a test they will contact you to let you know the results and what to do next.

If your child has any other illness such as sneezing, snotty nose, a rash please keep them at home (and seek medical advice if needed) until they are 100% healthy. This will help us all to stay well and keep the Nursery School open.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to us about your child's learning please contact us via phone or email.

Phone: 01209 713607

Email: secretary@camborne-nursery.cornwall.sch.uk

Thank you to everyone who has sent kind messages.

Emma (Headteacher)

Please send a small snack in to Nursery for your child to eat at 10am and 2 pm. Please send a bottle of water.

Here's a few suggestions:

Fruit

An apple
Easy peel satsuma
Small banana
Chopped grapes

Veg

Chopped pepper
Carrot sticks
Broccoli
Cucumber



Rice cakes
Bread sticks
Small sandwich
Sliced pitta bread spread with hummus or cream cheese
Crackers

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be part of a team improving our Nursery School?

We have vacancies for new governors. If you would like to be part of our governing body, you will help with strategic decisions in the school.

We ask you to attend 6 meetings a year and to attend training if and when needed. This is an unpaid role but any expenses such as travel costs can be reimbursed.

We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic, passionate about early years education and has a desire to help our families and community.

If you would like anymore information please contact Emma

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"Twinkle Twinkle chocolate bar
Everyone drives a racing car
Turn the handle and pull the choke
Off we goes in a cloud of smoke
Twinkle Twinkle chocolate bar
Everyone drives a racing car"





Some more photos of the children from
our first week back!









DIARY DATES

26th to 30th October - Half term

21st December to 1st January - Christmas holidays

Monday 1st March - INSET day

Tuesday 4th May 2021 - INSET day

September 2020					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

October 2020					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

November 2020					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tue		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thurs		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

December 2020					
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Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
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January 2021					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

February 2021					
Mon	1	8	15	22	
Tue	2	9	16	23	
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

March 2021					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
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April 2021					
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May 2021					
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June 2021					
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Thurs	3	10	17	24	
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July 2021					
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Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
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August 2021					
Mon		2	9	16	23
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Date: 7th September 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Returning safely to school or childcare

I would like to start by saying thank you for all you have been doing to support your child/children over the past five months. Despite the lifting of some restrictions, these remain very challenging times and for many the lines between home and school and/or home and work have become increasingly blurred.

I realise that for many of you September brings the first opportunity in a while to think about your child/children returning to their school or childcare setting. After such a long period at home, I understand that this may be difficult to consider and raise some anxieties. However, I wanted to reassure you that we are supporting schools and childcare settings across the county to reopen fully to all children safely.

Understandably a key concern circulating is that having more children back in their settings may increase the transmission of COVID-19. I'm sure in recent weeks you will have seen a number of sources in the media sharing information relating to the safety and risks of increasing the number of children in these settings. I wanted to therefore share some updated information with you which you may find helpful and put your mind at ease.

The full reopening of schools and childcare settings must be considered in the broader context of transmission of the virus. Nationally, we have seen a consistent fall in the number of daily deaths from COVID-19, as well as a reduction in those in hospital settings receiving treatment for the virus. Additionally, locally we have some of the lowest numbers of confirmed cases in the South West. As of the 2nd September, we had 5 confirmed cases in Cornwall in the previous 7 days, and only 2% of all confirmed cases in Cornwall have been in the 0-19 age group. You can keep up to date with the local data for Cornwall as well as the national data by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/coviddata.

Additionally, the decision to reopen schools and childcare settings is based on evidence emerging from numerous studies from across the world. This research is essential in helping us understand the virus and inform decisions, and evidence is increasing daily. As the virus is relatively 'new', it still remains difficult to draw definitive conclusions and all evidence is treated with a certain level of caution. However, in line with the Chief Medical Officer's statement regarding the re-opening of schools, there is a growing body of evidence pointing towards the following:

- Transmission in children is likely to be low, with child-to-child transmission infrequent, particularly in younger age groups.
- Children are infrequently found to be the index case (first case) in a household, and transmission is usually from an adult within the household.
- There is a very low fatality rate for children, with 14 deaths per 1 million infections in the 5-14 years age group. Every death of a child is undeniably a tragedy, however fortunately this is rare.
- There is a very low hospitalisation rate of 0.1% for children aged 0-9 years, and 0.3% for those aged 10-19 years.
- The majority of children and young people who catch the virus will have mild symptoms, or even no symptoms at all.
- Transmission in school or childcare settings is most likely to occur between adults, with the risk of transmission between adults and children increasing with child age.

Furthermore, there is overwhelming evidence from high quality sources demonstrating that a lack of schooling can have significant detrimental psychosocial consequences, as well as increasing inequalities, decreasing opportunities, and worsening physical and mental health issues. No action is risk free, but the balance of evidence suggests that returning to school or childcare is beneficial for children and young people.

Despite the evidence and the local data this is by no means time for complacency, and I urge everyone to take extra care with basic hand and respiratory hygiene, remain aware of symptoms, and to book a test as quickly as possible should symptoms develop. These measures are essential in curbing the spread of the virus. You can book a test either online by visiting www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by dialling 119. Please remember that it is only those with at least one of the three main symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change in smell/taste) who should access a test. Other household members and contacts identified by NHS Test & Trace do not need to have a test unless they also develop symptoms or are asked to do so by a public health or healthcare professional. However, if you have any concerns about your child's health, please call your GP or 111 for advice.

You will no doubt be familiar with the rigorous guidelines that are in place in many different settings across the country, and schools and childcare settings are not immune to these. There are strict measures specifically set out for schools and childcare settings, and I am confident that those across the county will be doing all that is logistically possible to ensure these are followed, to allow a safe return for both children and staff. You will likely have heard about your school or setting's specific measures already, however some of these may include:

- Keeping children and staff away from the school or setting if they are symptomatic, have a symptomatic household contact, or have been identified as a contact by NHS Test & Trace.
- Grouping children in class groups, or year groups where appropriate to maintain delivery of education, in addition to encouraging social distancing.
- Increasing infection prevention control measures such as emphasising hand, surface, and respiratory hygiene.
- Directional controls to reduce face-to-face contact.
- Implementing one-way systems where appropriate and minimising movement around the school or setting.
- Staggered drop off and pick up times where necessary.
- Utilisation of optional face masks where appropriate in secondary schools.

In addition to these measures, all schools and childcare settings have undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment, covering staffing levels, building layouts, and other issues that may have an impact on safety. The local Public Health team has experience of outbreak management and are working closely with colleagues in the council to support schools and childcare settings, including regularly providing updates to help implement these measures, follow the correct guidance, and deal with situations promptly and appropriately when they arise.

It is not possible to guarantee that there is no risk, but by continuing to work constructively and collaboratively with teachers, parents, and the trade unions, I believe we can do this in as safe a way as possible that mitigates the risk whilst ensuring that children and young people can benefit from education, socialisation, and quality childcare.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Wigglesworth

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Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2021 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2021**.

Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on **0800 587 8191**

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2021**

