



## Dear Parents and Carers

### \*\* May 2021 Nursery Update \*\*

We would like to welcome the little ones and their families who have just joined the friendly fish nursery. We hope you all had a lovely Easter – although that seems a distant memory! A small reminder that we have been super organised and asked for a named sun hat and new named bottle of sun cream that we can keep here in time for the sunny months to come! (We are apologetic that our earlier request seemed to then change the weather to cold and freezing temperatures!!)

**Our BIG unveiling** \*\* SURPRISE\*\* 😊 So, those of you who are on our Facebook page have probably seen that Natalie & Debbie have a HUGE surprise to reveal!! We will be having something very exciting happening at the Friendly Fish, that all the little ones, and staff will enjoy greatly! Many of you have been trying to guess when we post clues on Facebook about what our surprise is ..... some of you may have got it right! It will not be long until we let you in on the excitement – so keep your eyes peeled and watch this space 😊

**Dangerous parking:** Thank you to parents who are parking considerately and safely now outside the nursery. We ask you all please to continue this to keep the front driveway and the pavement outside nursery safe for your little ones and parents too and treat each other with courtesy when parking at busy times.

**Collections and waiting:** – Thank you all again for your continued patience while we gather the children for collection at the end of the morning and afternoon session. As explained in our last newsletter we do understand it can be a bit of a wait on the driveway for you, but we really are going as quickly as we can. We have had no further guidance to date to be able to change the collection routine at this time, but we are very grateful for all your support and understanding that we are doing our utmost to keep our little ones and staff as safe as we can. We have been trying to make the most of having the children out in the garden after tea, as they all seem to be loving the outdoors, so we want to capture the most of this! The children are not outside all afternoon. Each bubble group has its own time in the garden and then come in for play and tea and then go out again around 4.30pm.

**Staff Testing continued:** You will be aware from previous correspondence that all staff are now carrying out the LFT (Lateral Flow Covid Tests) twice weekly and will continue to do so for as long as is needed. We had sent out an update informing parents of the implications this may cause the nursery should a positive test result occur. If you have not received this update, please do let us know as we have some copies spare if anyone should need one (please do check your junk or spam as our emails are often found hiding there).

**Toys from home:** We would like to thank you for continuing not to send toys in during this time from home. We have seen a significant reduction in the things children like to sneak out from home. We ask that you

please continue as not only is this helping to protect the nursery from Covid it is also helping the children (and us) to not be running around trying desperately to find a missing toy at the end of the day.

**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 so 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.

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 have not already, please do not 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! 😊

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

**Dates for your diary:**

**Bank Holidays: Nursery closed: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

**Half term Week Commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May -Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June for our term time only families.**

**End of Sumer Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.**

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

Kind Regards,

Natalie and the Nursery Team