



# Greenfield Primary School

*Excellence and Enjoyment for All*

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Dear Parents/Carers

I have contacted the majority of our families individually to explain the current guidance being given to us as a school with regards to Nursery provision during the National Lockdown. Advice given to Mr Wood from Public Health Oldham was to keep the Nursery open. Therefore, we would like to reiterate that whilst we respect the decisions being made by each family with regards to the safety, care and education of children, we are currently running Nursery as normal for all children. We do not have a limiting criteria and parents are not required to reduce their child's hours in Nursery unless they choose to. Some of these guidelines will be different in Nursery compared with the rest of school due to the difference in government guidelines for Nurseries. If you wish to discuss this matter with me further, please phone the school office and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Our learning theme for the first few weeks of this term will be 'The Jungle'. The children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Rumble in the Jungle', and we have created some beautiful animal crafts. The children have great plans for a themed display that we look forward to sharing with you on the school website once completed.

Thanks for your feedback following our Autumn term reports which were sent home in December. If you have not already filled in the star showing something your child has achieved that makes you proud, please do so. Again, we will be displaying these stars in our classroom environment, so it would be nice to have at least one for each child. I will print some extra copies of stars out in case you require another copy, or wish to add another star.

The majority of our parents have filled in and returned the Parent Declaration Form for their child's funding this spring term. This form does need completing each term unless you pay for your child's place and do not access any government grant funding. If you have not yet returned this form, it is vital for our income to receive these. Without this form back, we will be unable to claim funding for your child's place. If this applies to you, and your child is not currently attending Nursery, a copy of this form has been sent to your home address. You can return this to the school office by hand, post or send images of each page as an email attachment to [info@greenfield.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@greenfield.oldham.sch.uk). Please note the very last section of the form needs to be signed and dated.

Please note, if your child accesses 30 hours funding with us, it is your responsibility to re-access this through the Government gateway every three months. You will be sent email notifications to remind you when the time comes around to re-confirm eligibility.

For those families opting to keep children at home, please check the Nursery tab of the school website regularly. We are also aware that parent accounts on Tapestry will support us in maintaining the lines of communication with you, and these parent logins are on our list of priorities for the coming weeks.

Our risk assessments with regards to our learning environment have again been reviewed. Due to the new variant of COVID-19, we have implemented measures to protect our staff and children. We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene as an integral part of our routine, we have also scaled back the number of toys accessible to the children at any one time, to enable staff to clean to the standard we wish to achieve at several points within our school day.

We are currently still offering hot school meals. The children will not notice any change with the dinners being provided by school. However, we are not necessarily following the menu system usually in place.

With regards to the belongings being brought in to Nursery each day, the requirements will stay the same. Each child needs a full change of clothes in a named bag which can be kept on their peg. Where possible toys from home should not be brought into Nursery. Thank you for observing the whole school advice to socially distance and wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child.

Despite the challenges, our shared priority continues to be the same, to instil a love for learning in our youngest children, whilst supporting their independence, social skills and emotional wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Mubiru  
Nursery Manager