



# Greenfield Primary School

*Excellence and Enjoyment for All*

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Dear Parent/Carer

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We are delighted to be welcoming you all back into our new building. We are hope you are as pleased with the new facilities as we are. We are sure you will appreciate that there may be a few things that are new that we trial for a while and may have to adjust slightly as we settle in to our new environment and routine.

Welcome to our new children and parents. What a fabulous time for you to be joining us. We are always here to help you and please remember, we wish to maintain our close partnership with parents whilst also making much stronger links with the Reception classes now we have relocated into the main school building. Any queries, please ask.

We also wish to introduce Erin Tolson who has joined the Nursery staff team and is currently with us on an apprenticeship. We are excited about supporting her in her training and expect you will get to know her soon.

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. Please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes in a labelled bag on their peg. Spare clothes can be any clothes; they do not need to be uniform. We do have a stock of spares, but if your child is sent home in Nursery clothes, please wash and return them so that we do not run out.

Every child needs a water bottle with their name on it at Nursery. If your child has been with us for some time, we advise that you provide them with a new water bottle for hygiene reasons. We suggest that your child's bottle stays at Nursery as we wash and refill them daily, but understand if you wish for your child to take their bottle home, please remember to bring them in every day.

If your child wears nappies you must send enough in each day. These must also be kept in a named bag on their peg with wipes and nappy sacks. We do not have space to keep a large stock at Nursery so please ensure you check your child's bag daily to see if anything needs replenishing.

We are still planning some open days for parents in the near future. We will inform you of the arrangements for these nearer to the time.

There are still some Nursery places available, however these are filling up fast. If you wish to extend your child's hours as existing parents, you would have first refusal whilst there is availability. However, once the places are full, parents wishing to extend hours will go onto a waiting list. We already have a growing waiting list for January 2020 onwards.

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We are developing our outdoor area. We currently have climbing equipment, a playhouse, bikes, a mud kitchen, chalkboard activity table, musical fence, story chair and quiet den area that we are sure you have spotted. We also have some raised planters that each early years class will be planting and looking after. If any parents wish to donate any compost, bedding plants or cuttings of herbs from home we would be happy to receive them. Gradually, we wish to make this space into somewhere the children can learn about nature and growing things. Any advice from green-fingered parents or grandparents also welcome!

Please remember Nursery fees are due on the first day of the week your child attends Nursery. With increasing the number of places we offer, we need to tighten up on fees being received on time to avoid having to chase late payments which eats into our teaching time. If you fall into arrears with Nursery fees, you may be asked to keep your child at home for all hours that are not grant funded.

Dinner times have been fun over the last few weeks. The children are getting used to eating in the big school hall. We are very proud of how they are settling. Please note, dinner money is also due on the first day of the week your child has a school dinner. Each school dinner costs £2.30. Dinner money must be paid in separately to Nursery fees. Cheques should be made payable to OMBC. Mrs Perrin in the school office processes dinner money payments. You can hand it to a member of Nursery staff or send it in your child's bag for us to pass on. If you fall behind with dinner money payments, you will be asked to bring your child with a packed lunch the following week.

Please send your child with a weatherproof coat every day. We want them to be able to take advantage of our outdoor area as much as possible and appropriate clothing makes this possible. Wellies are also ideal, if you bring your child's wellies in they can be kept by their peg. Please label wellies and all items of uniform including shoes.

This half term we will begin by learning through the theme 'Ourselves'. We will spend time getting to know each other and find out about our new classroom. We will also create some self-portraits. The older children will begin some phase 1 phonics sessions in small groups with me.

If your child was allocated myself or Sarah as their key worker last year, they will continue to have the same key worker. We usually give the children about two weeks to begin to make bonds before we allocate them a key worker. When these groups have been allocated we will let new parents know who their child's key worker is.

We will be beginning to use Tapestry which is an Online Learning Journal to track our children's' learning. We are in the process of setting this up and when it is active we will share more information with you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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