



## **Thank you**

First off we would like to say thank you to all our Little Burrows families. It has been a challenging time for everyone over the last few months but having the continued updates on Tapestry and phone calls with lots of you has really put a smile on our faces.



Thank you for the voluntary donations lots of you have paid if you have decided not to return to nursery. As with a lot of small businesses financially things have been tough and due to being able to access our insurance and the Government not allowing furlough for nurseries we had been concerned. However, we now see light at the end of the tunnel. We are delighted that we will be able to continue providing Outstanding provision to all our children who are returning to us in September.

If you requested a space for this term after the deadline for the questionnaire, please give us time to ensure we are running smoothly with the children we currently have and then we will see if we are able to offer a space for your child later this term.

As previously stated if you do not wish your child to return this term then your place will be held for September. We will continue to provide updates as we have them from the DfE.

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## **First Week Back**

Our first week has been full of lots of laughter and fun. The children have been in their small family groups and we have focused on just enjoying being back with our friends again.

It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into nursery. We have been washing our hands lots and making sure we clean our toys once we have finished with them. The children have enjoyed helping us with this!

It would be impossible to ask young children socially distance from each other so being in the family groups has worked well. It has meant that they still get lots of cuddles from their teacher and can play as they usually would with their small group of friends. We have been outside a lot and will continue to be outside most of the time until the end of term. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather on any particular day, this includes rain.

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### **Packed Lunches**

The children have enjoyed having their own packed lunches at nursery. Please remember we are unable to heat any food or keep packed lunches chilled. Nuts are not allowed due to allergies. We have talked a lot about healthy and unhealthy foods and why we need to ensure most of our food is healthy. It has been a good learning opportunity.

Please ensure that if you are sending in grapes to nursery they are cut lengthwise in quarters as otherwise they become a choking hazard and we will not be able to let your child eat them whilst at nursery. Thank you



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### **Arrival and Pick up Times**

It is paramount that you arrive in the morning and pick up at the times stated on your Return to Nursery offer email. This is to ensure that the whole family group arrives and leaves at the same time and minimizes the risk posed by children having to use the entrance and exit at different times throughout the day. Please speak to Claire if you have any issues with this. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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### **School Starters**

We have had lots of discussions with schools about your children. We would usually be hosting nursery visits during this term where the teachers would visit us and we talk through what we do at Little Burrows. However, this year will look a little different and a lot of these conversations have happened with Claire over the phone.

All the Nursery Teachers have been busy writing reports for our school leavers over the last few months. As we have not seen the children for a while we have used the information we have from March to level and write about each child. Reception Teachers are fully aware that this may not be a true reflection of where they are working in September due to the long break and they will be doing their own assessments when they start.

Once we have completed all the reports for the children will make these accessible to you to download via tapestry. It is really important that you pass these on to your child's teacher once they start school.

We will also make sure that the observations we have written are available for you to download nearer the end of term. Once these are available we will notify you. Again please download these and pass them on to your child's class teacher. These observation records



will also include any observations you have made at home so if there is something that your child is able to do or particularly likes that you would like your child's new teacher to be aware of please add it over the next few weeks.

We have also added a child's voice form to the document section of Tapestry. Ideally we would complete this in nursery with the child and give it to their teacher on their visit but instead we are asking parents to complete this form at home and pass it to the school when you hand over the report and observations etc.

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### **Home Learning**

It is lovely seeing what your children are doing at home if they have not returned to nursery. Please continue to add their photos to tapestry.

Please remember that your child's individual Next Steps are on tapestry under the memo tab on the desktop version. These were created using the next steps your child was working on in March so you may need to tweak some activities but it will give you a good base to start from.

We will start adding more story times as well as the week's progress.

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### **End of Term**

As stated on the invoice there has been a slight change to the end of term. We are having to close nursery a week earlier (17<sup>th</sup> July) than it states on the dates. This is due to schools shutting earlier because of the pandemic and staff having issues with childcare. Thank you so much for your support and flexibility with this. Again it is appreciated.

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Please ring the **nursery phone** by 9.30am if your child is absent. If the phone is busy then please leave a text. Thank you for your support.

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