

Poppies Newsletter

Christmas seems a very long way away now as the month of January hurtles past. We are back in the swing of things here at Poppies and have had lots of new families joining us, which is amazing.

Your child's key person will now be observing your little one so when you get your parent questionnaire, please complete it, and return it back to the nursery so that your views of your child can be added into their learning journey.

You are welcome to take the learning journey home at any point so please speak to your room supervisor if you would like to do this. The revised curriculum suggests that rather than lots of paperwork practitioners should be with the children supporting learning by recognising your child's individual needs and interests and so while we do chart your child's development, we don't spend lots of time writing things down, we use our professional knowledge to see where your child is at, and your views are really important to us.

Dates for your diary

8th March - Mother's Day open morning
19th March - Parents evening

Vaccinations

There has been an increase in reported measles cases, and it is believed that this is down to COVID and parents choosing not to immunise their children against childhood illnesses.

Vaccinating children can be controversial and it is always parental choice whether to do it or not.

However, immunisations not only protect your child from becoming extremely ill (or worse) they protect those more vulnerable people in their lives too such as elderly relatives or pregnant family members. If your child is protected from illnesses which could be potentially fatal, then they cannot pass this on to anyone else either.

The symptoms for measles are a fever and a rash so if you are concerned at all we recommend you please contact your GP for advice at the soonest opportunity.

Thank you to all of you who have written positive comments on social media about the nursery - we really really appreciate it!

If you have been let into the building, please do not let anyone else in behind you unless you know they are a parent. This is to safeguard and keep everyone safe inside the nursery. Thank you.

Administration

Please inform us promptly of any change in contact numbers or addresses and please let us know if your child is attending another setting. Ofsted have an expectation that settings work together for the best interests of a child so we do like to make contact if you agree, so that we can work in partnership with them.

We must have emergency contact numbers (work, guard room, close family) to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency. This means we need more than just both parents' mobile phone numbers.

In a worst-case scenario if we cannot contact you or a close family member then we will follow our procedure which is to contact social services.

We have a no mobile phone policy within the nursery which means that use of your phone while in the nursery is prohibited.

This is to safeguard the children and you. Thank you for respecting this.

Garden

If you arrive early and decide to wait in the nursery garden for your session time to start, please ensure you tidy up after your child. If we get a chance, we set up the garden with activities for the children before the day starts and it is a real shame if when the children get out there the resources are spread around the garden or are not left as you found them.

In extreme weather if you are able to wait in your car until you can come straight into the nursery then we would advise you to do this. Thank you.

Lunches

When ordering your child's hot lunches, you must inform us if you have a religious preference or if your child has an allergy. There is a place for you to do this on the order form, if it is not on there, we and Hungry Moose will assume your child can have anything on the menu.

Funding

Don't forget if you think you may be entitled to the new funding that the government is offering, go to the childcare choices website to apply. Once you have your code, we will need to verify it to make sure we can apply it to your account. We have a form for you to complete to do this.

Unfortunately, Wiltshire still haven't given us firm funding figures and so we are unable to work out how we are financially going to deliver those hours and remain sustainable, but we will keep you updated and as soon as we have that information, we will pass that on to you.

