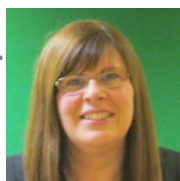




Message from Head of Centre



Welcome to Caverstede Early Years Centre, I hope your child/ren are settling well into the nursery routine. Please do not worry if your child is taking a little time to fully settle, this is quite normal.

We will be sending out newsletters on a regular basis to keep you up to date with the events and activities that are taking place at Caverstede, please do look out for them. If you are not sure where to find information please ask your child's Key Person and they will direct you.

If there is anything you want to know about the Centre or your child's progress, please do talk to the staff or you can speak to me, Debbie Hayes.

I am usually in the playground at the start of sessions to meet and greet everyone. If you ever want to talk to me about any issues or concerns please come and see me. If I am not in the playground please do ask at reception and we can arrange a convenient time to meet. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the course of the year.

IMPORTANT!

We realise that the beginning and end of the sessions are very busy. Please make sure you keep hold of your child once you have collected them and before you leave the Centre.

For your child's safety and the safety of others, please make sure that you **close the main gate after you.**



And whilst we know the garden and equipment is very tempting, PLEASE do not allow your child and siblings play on them when you collect after the sessions.

In the classrooms, **each child has their own pigeonhole for information**, letters etc so please remember to check these every day that your child attends nursery as there may be something important in there for you.

Regular attendance

Attending school **every day** is very important. Even a short time of absence from school can mean that a child misses out on a significant part of the curriculum, which can impact on their learning. Ofsted always ask for the school's attendance data. We monitor each child's attendance and absence record and you will receive copies of this information. If your child is ill and will not be attending school please telephone the school on the day of absence to inform us. Thank you.



Security & Safeguarding

Mobile phones and personal cameras are **not** permitted to be used at Caverstede Early Years Centre. It is important that you do not use your phone whilst settling your child into nursery. If you need to take a call please step outside the centre gate. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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Welcome back to all the children returning to Nursery this September and also welcome to those who are starting here for the first time. We hope you all have a wonderful time and have lots of fun whilst learning and developing throughout your experience at Caverstede.

The focus at the moment is settling the children into nursery life, so that they can fully embrace all the experiences on offer to them. Parents are a really important part of settling in – you know your child best and can help by talking to your Key Person about the best ways to help them settle. Perhaps your child has a favourite toy that will comfort them when they are sad, or maybe they have been to a nursery previously and something worked really well – let us know and we can use those strategies at Caverstede too.

All children take different amounts of time to settle but if you are worried, please talk to your Key Person. It may be helpful to keep a **full change of named clothes on your child's peg**, including socks and, if possible, shoes. Even toilet-trained children can have occasional accidents or they may get wet or messy whilst enjoying themselves in the water tray or playing outside.

You may find the **whiteboard outside the classroom useful** – we put information about activities, celebrations and upcoming events on it. Your child will have a Key Person who will get to know you and your child throughout the year and will be your first point of contact should you have anything you want to discuss, ask questions or to talk about what your child has been doing at home.

Throughout your child's time at Nursery we will be observing them and joining in with their play - helping us get to know them, their interests and their style of learning. We plan a variety of learning experiences for all the children, many of which start from their interests and learning styles. These experiences will support your child by consolidating what they already know and extending their learning and understanding further. Enhanced opportunities are offered to inspire new enquires to further enhance learning.

Over the summer all three rooms have looked at the layout of the rooms and changes have been made appropriate for the start of the year. Teams have changed slightly, so that children moving rooms have a familiar face following through with them.

We benefitted at the end of last term from the addition and replacement of the water wall and climbing equipment. The Woodland Garden also saw changes such as renewal of planting areas and a new mud kitchen installed. The children are already enjoying the benefits of this new equipment.

We hope that you and your family enjoy your Caverstede Experience!

Harvest Appeal; Week commencing 12th October, we will be collecting items of food to donate to the Peterborough Foodbank. Donations received help to provide 3 days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We will be collecting items needed by the foodbank, which includes; tinned tomatoes; 500g sugar; cartons orange juice; UHT or powdered milk; tinned fruit/vegetables/ tuna and fish; jars of pasta sauce; dried pasta & noodles; tinned rice pudding; coffee & hot chocolate; biscuits or savoury snacks; sweet treats; toiletries; sponge puddings. If you are able to help by donating any of these items, they will all be gratefully received.



Diary Dates

Eid; 24th September

Bonfire Night; 5th November

Diwali; 11th November

Harvest Festival visits to Paston Church:
TBC

Class Christmas sing-a-longs;

BF - 9th December

BB - 10th December

LB - 11th December

w/c 12th Oct; Harvest appeal for the Peterborough Foodbank

ParentMail;

You may have recently received an e-mail or text inviting you to confirm details for your ParentMail account. Please take the time to do this as it is an excellent way for us to send information to you. Ideally we will be sending more letters, flyers and future newsletters by ParentMail as this will reduce the amount of paper we use. This will be by e-mail.

Urgent messages (such as if we have to close for bad weather for example) will be sent by text. For any accounts that do not currently have a mobile number registered, we will be asking if these can be updated so that you will be able to receive urgent messages if necessary.

Keeping safe and considerate parking

We encourage all children to walk to nursery if this is possible. This keeps the children fit and strong and prevents them from feeling cold when they arrive.

If you do drive to the centre, could we please ask that you park with care and **avoid double parking or parking on yellow lines**. This is illegal and makes the road dangerous for all the children and families who are using it. There is also a disabled parking bay at the front of the nursery which is there for the use of those who need this facility so please do not park here. Please also consider our neighbours along Caverstede Road and avoid parking across driveways or on the grass verges.

Payment of nursery sessions and lunches; Nursery fees for sessions and lunches can be paid by cash, cheque or via your bank by the BACs method. Please make sure payments are up to date. If you have any query on payments, please ask at reception to speak to Helen, our Finance Administrator.

Lunches

Please let us know if your child will be absent from nursery and therefore not be in for lunch by 9.15am as this helps to prevent waste.

You will be charged for the lunch if we do not receive notice in time.

Caverstede SEN and Family Support Service

Caverstede Special Educational Needs and Family Support Service provides a friendly and relaxed environment for young children and their families. It is a place where you can make friends, get advice and join in organised activities to help your child's learning and development. We offer groups for parents/carers and their pre school children to learn together through play, singing and exploring, specialist services for children with additional needs, home visiting and summer holiday respite care.

We and our partner agencies offer a variety of services to support families with young children. Parents/carers can benefit from attending our Parent Craft courses, Baby Clinics and informal chat time.

For more information on what is available, please speak to Caroline, our Family Services Manager.

Our Universal groups - Groups for pre school children and their parents/carers. Come along and enjoy learning through play together.

MONDAY
Sensory Explorers
1.30 - 2.30pm
for children aged 6 months to walking
£1.50 per family

TUESDAY
Baby Zone
12.00 - 1.30pm - 0 - 6 months
Coming soon - please check for more details and dates!
£1.50 per family

WEDNESDAY
Jump and Jiggle (story & sing-a-long)
9.30 - 10.30am
for children aged 1 to 3 years old
£1.50 per family

THURSDAY
Creative Explorers
9.45 - 11am
For children who are walking up to 3 years old
£1.50 per family

Dad's Group; this group runs every other Saturday, 10 - 11.30am. The cost is £2 per family and is for children aged 0 - 7 years old and their dad's, granddad, uncle or other male carer.

Dates up until Christmas are;

12th & 26th Sept; 10th & 24th Oct; 7th & 21st Nov; 5th & 19th Dec

If you walk to nursery and bring a pushchair or perhaps your child likes to ride their bike or scooter, we do have locks available. You can then securely leave items at the front of the nursery in the 'buggy park'. Please ask at reception for these.

We have a Facebook page - Official Caverstede Early Years Centre.
Please request to be added.

