

Welcome to Netherton Park Nursery School



Netherton Park
Nursery School

Parent/Carer induction meeting

- We are the only Nursery School in Dudley – our children are aged 2-4 years old
- **We are a school** – we have a Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and a qualified SENDCo
- We have a Governing Body
- We are funded by and report to Dudley Local Authority



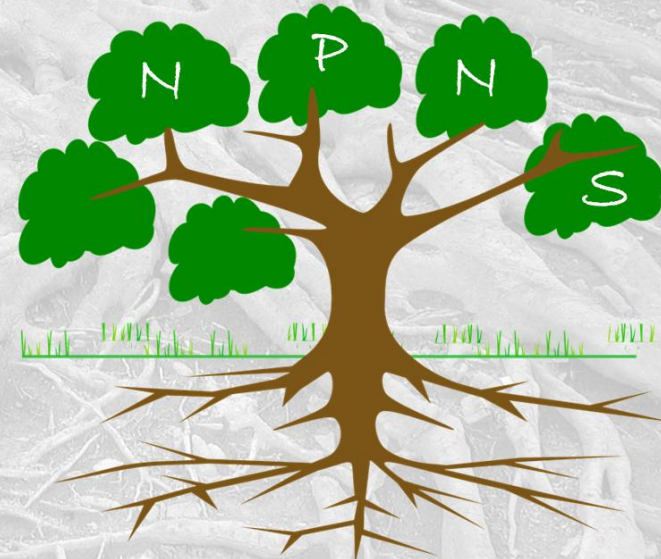
'A place where children are at the heart of learning'

Netherton Park- 'foundations to flourish'.

High quality learning through **P**lay.

Inspiring and **N**urturing children to become creative, confident and caring individuals.

Supporting families and partnerships in an inclusive, safe and stimulating environment.



Building foundations to flourish

Early Years Lead Educators



**Alison
Headteacher**



**Verony
Deputy Headteacher
SENDCo**

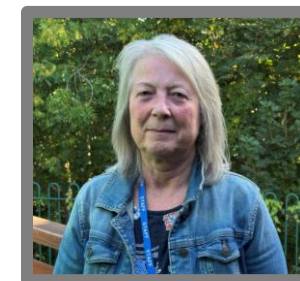


Katie



Kerry

**Jackie
Safeguarding and
Pastoral Lead**



**Meet the
staff**



**Aimie
Teacher**

**Early Years
Practitioners**



Amy



Helen



Sam



Chloe



Coral



Hilary



Becky



Lena



Jo

**Senior Early
Years
Practitioners**



Jenna

Our Nursery School



Acorn

2 year olds



Saplings

SEND provision
2 year olds

Oak

3-4 year olds



Sycamore

SEND provision
3-4 year olds





Sessions

Monday – Friday

Morning 8.40am - 11.40am

Afternoons 12.30pm - 3.30pm

30 hours 8.40am – 2.40pm

Clothing

- Children WILL get very messy at Nursery!!!!
- Please do not send your child in their best or new clothing or shoes.
- We do provide aprons for messy activities however children will still have times when their clothes get messy.
- We provide waterproof coats, trousers and wellies for all children to wear when working outside.
- Children can choose to work outside in all weathers – our doors are open for a large part of the session.



Uniform

Whilst it is not compulsory it is **HIGHLY** recommended



Light
blue polo
t-shirt
£1.50



Navy blue
sweatshirt

£2.50





Clothing

- Clothing needs to be easy to pull up and down and get on and off – we **HIGHLY** recommend black leggings or jogging bottoms
- Please put your child's name in **ALL** of their clothes and shoes
- Children **MUST NOT** wear any jewelry – only small studs are allowed
- **No** open toe shoes, slip on shoes or Crocs.
- Shoes **MUST** have a Velcro fastening and **NO** laces.



Your child will need to bring a rucksack bag **every day** with at least **2** full changes of clothes , as well as lots of spare pants and socks. This needs to be a small rucksack and not a suitcase.

Every child will need a packet of baby wipes in their bag

Staff will change your child if they get very wet or messy as they play

If you forget the bag we will ask you to go home and fetch it

We **do not** have any spare clothes so we will not be able to change your child without their bag



Toileting

- We will help children as needed with toileting and change any child who has a toileting accident but please be aware that there is **NOT** a member of staff based in the toilets all session.
- We will support and encourage all children to be as independent with their toileting as possible.
- In line with Public Health England and ERIC with research showing it's best for your child's bowel and bladder health to stop using nappies, including reusable nappies, pull-ups and training pants, **between 18 and 30 months**, therefore all children in Oak are expected to be toilet trained.
- [The Potty Training Guide](#)





Bringing things in from home

- Please help us by not allowing your child to bring things in from home. It can cause distress when other children want to play with them, they get broken or lost.
- We have an amazing range of resources to use at Nursery, so please support us by ensuring that toys etc are left at home. This includes dummies and bottles.

Attendance

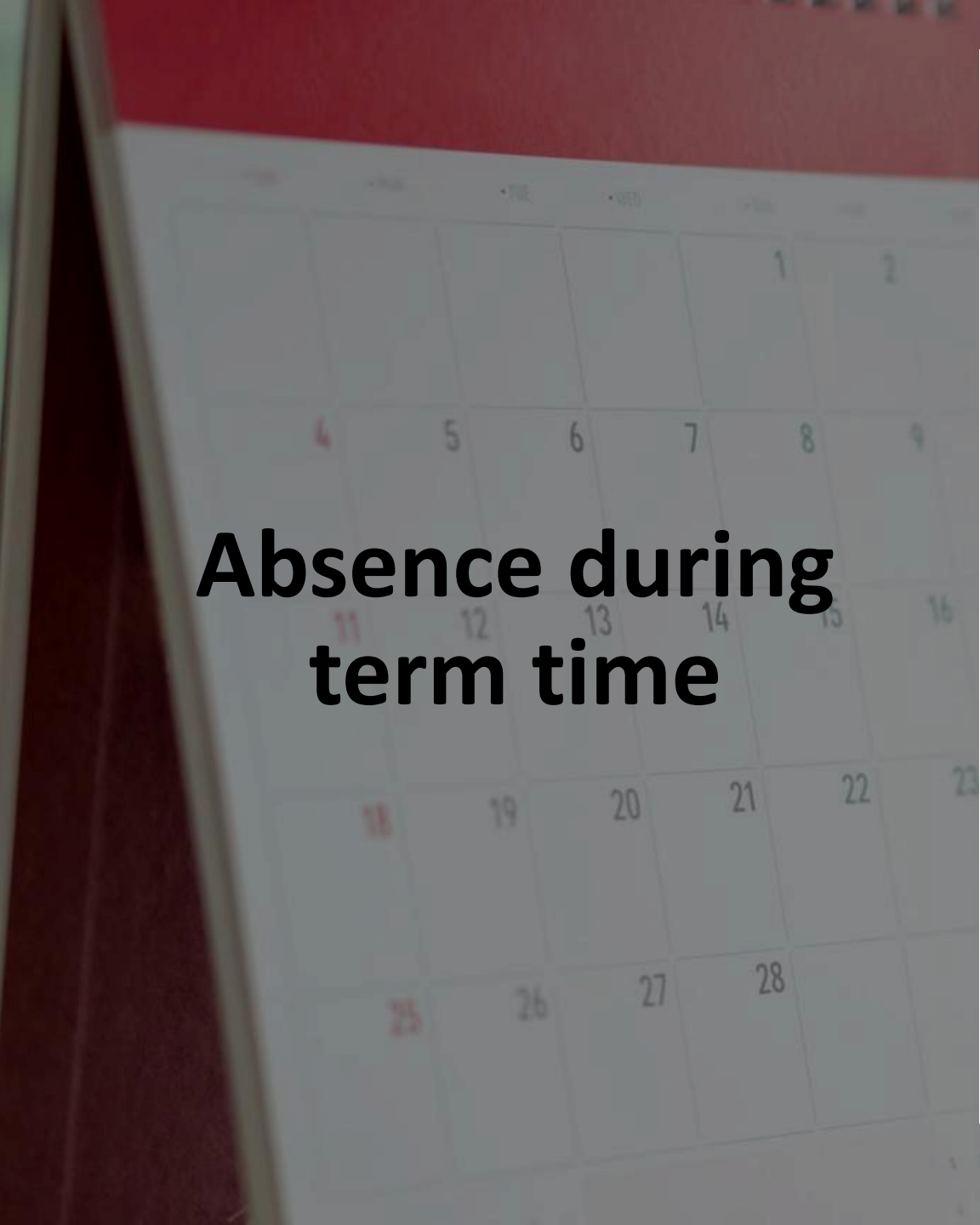


- It is really important that children come to Nursery every day if they are going to benefit fully from their experience at Netherton Park Nursery School.
- Children will need to arrive on time each day at 8.40am/12.30pm. If you arrive after 8.50am/12.40pm you will need to sign your child in at Reception.
- Arriving after 9.00am/12.50pm will be marked as a late on the register.
- We will require a reason for **all** absences. Please call Reception on **01384 283 687** and choose **Option 1** to leave a message.
- We will not authorise absences where the reason for non-attendance does not meet the requirements in our Attendance Policy.
- Alison monitors attendance regularly and if your child's attendance falls **below 95%** or your child is arriving late on a regular basis then Jackie will speak to you to see what support we can offer to improve this.
- Attendance letters are sent out by Jackie to any parent of a child whose attendance is causing a concern
- If attendance continues to be poor then Alison will arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

Illness/Medical needs

- Children can still attend with cough/cold symptoms – however if your child is genuinely unwell, they may need to stay off Nursery.
- If your child has a temperature and you give them Calpol please remember it will wear off during the day and children may then need to be sent home if they show signs of being unwell/have a temperature.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they **MUST** stay off Nursery for 48 hours after the last episode.
- We cannot administer any medications during Nursery sessions (except for medication linked to specific conditions eg Asthma).
- If your child has any specific diagnosed medical conditions the staff need to be made fully aware as soon as possible. Certain medical conditions need a Health Care Plan and Risk Assessment to be in place (written by a health care professional) BEFORE the child can start with us. Staff may also need specific training in certain instances.





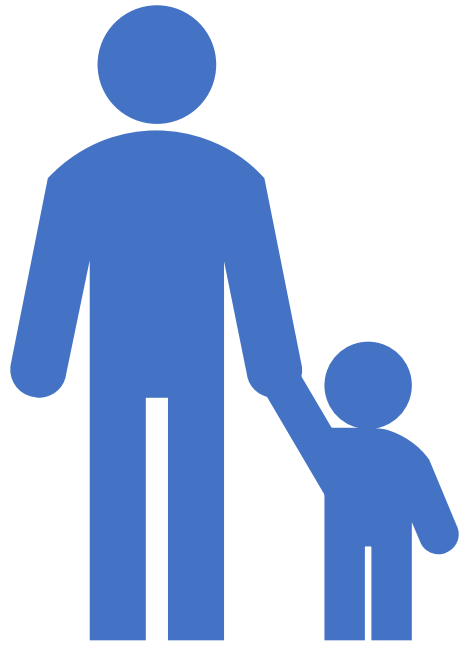
Absence during term time

- Any parent who wishes to take their child out of Nursery for a holiday/extended leave/or any other planned absence **MUST** complete a leave request form **in advance** of the absence.
- These must be signed by Alison **before** the absence. We can only approve a maximum of 10 days each year for leave. Anything beyond this **will be** unauthorised.
- **PLEASE NOTE** if you take you child away on a holiday/extended leave we can only hold Nursery places for **10 school days** – after that if we have children on our waiting list, we will offer the place to them so cannot guarantee your child will continue to have a place available.

Drop off and collection

- The car park is strictly for **staff ONLY**.
- Please **DO NOT** park in the yellow box at the entrance to Nursery. This is access for the emergency services. Staff will come and ask you to move your car.
- We also ask that you **do not** block the driveways of the local residents – please park considerately.
- When queuing on the path please do so considerately – not blocking the path, waiting your turn and not pushing to the front and please remember you are responsible for your child during this time.





Collection and security

- Please collect on time (11.40am/2.40pm/3.30pm) - we log **all** late collections and will make a charge to any parent who is late on a regular basis of £10 for every 15 minutes. (See our Charging Policy)
- We take security very seriously – we will not let your child go with anybody we do not know and who does not have the password you set on the admission form. We will not let your child go with anyone under the age of 16.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Speech and Language

SENDCo –Verony

SEND Assistants: Aimie, Kerry and Katie

- If staff have any concerns about any aspect of your child's learning and development we will speak to you.
- Likewise, if you have any concerns we encourage you to share these with staff at the earliest opportunity.
- We will make referrals to specific services as needed (IEYS, SALT, OT).
- Early intervention and support is key to a successful outcome.
- We can make referrals to the appropriate professionals to support your child.





Wellcomm- Speech and Language screening

All children are screened on entry using the Wellcomm screening toolkit.

From this screen staff are able to identify areas for support and plan specific interventions. Staff will discuss your specific child's needs with you and share ideas on how to support this at home too.

For children that need it they are then re-screened February and June with further interventions and support identified.



Safeguarding

All staff in the Nursery School have a duty of care to ensure that all children are safe.

Therefore, if they have **any** concerns about any child they will report it to the designated staff. We need to make you aware that whenever we can we will speak to parents/carers however they may be instances where we may need to speak to Children's Services first.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Alison

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Verony and Jackie

Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead

Jackie offers a wide range of support to families which includes:

- Safeguarding
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Eating
- Boundaries and routines
- Relationships
- Finances/benefits
- Housing
- Food bank vouchers



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Netherton Park **E**veryone **S**upporting **T**ogether





Mobile phones

No mobile phones can be used within the Nursery School grounds. This includes drop off and collection or when attending any sessions inside Nursery.

This is to ensure the safety of all children.

Staff will ask you to put your phone away if you are seen using it.

A reminder that there is no smoking or vaping near the Nursery School gates whilst dropping off or collecting children.



**NO SMOKING
VAPING**

Accidents



If your child has a bump or accident at home please let the staff know when you drop off at Nursery – they will then make a record of this. If you haven't told us and we identify a mark, bruise etc we will call you to gain information of the details.

All staff are First Aid trained. If your child has a bump or accident at Nursery staff will treat it.

For minor bumps and falls staff will just let you know when you collect.

If it is a bump to the head or a more serious accident an accident form will be completed and we may phone you to let you know in advance of collection.

Sleep

- We have a Safer Sleep Policy for sleeping during time at Nursery.
- If your child arrives asleep, we will ask you to wake them before you are able to leave them.
- If your child falls asleep during the session, staff will move them to a sleep mat and monitor them, they will check for signs of being unwell which includes taking their temperature.
- We will call you to collect them if they have slept for longer than 20 minutes.



Weekly £1 contribution

We ask ALL families to provide a weekly contribution to school fund of £1.

We use this money to buy the fruit we provide for snack as well as for all cooking, playdough making and other exciting extra activities the children experience over the year - for example a visit from the Animal Man, music workshop, Bhangra workshop etc.

There will be a money box at the door when you drop off.

If you prefer you can pay in advance for each half term.

Snack time

- We are a 'Healthy School' and have a 'Healthy Lifestyles Policy' where we promote that all children are offered healthy food and drink during their sessions.
- We provide the children with a snack of fruit and a drink of water or milk during their session.
- **No** food or drink are to be brought in from home.
- **Please** support us with this by **not** sending in any food or drink, as we also have children with severe allergies.





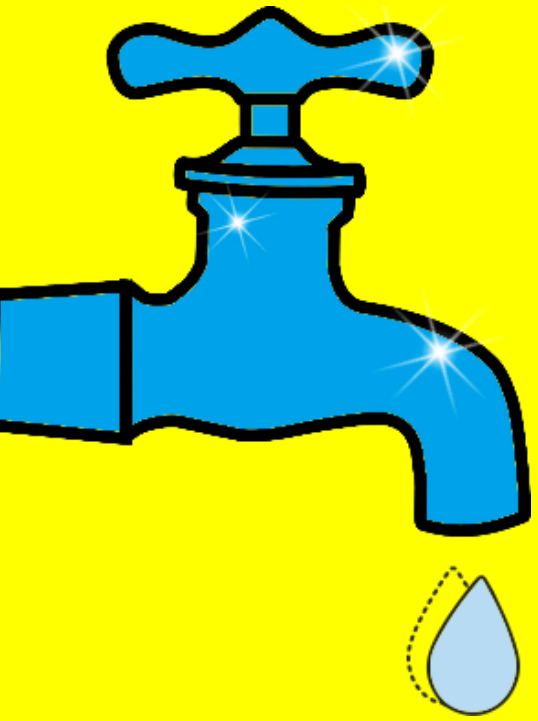


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EVERY CHILD SAFE
FROM ALLERGY AT
SCHOOL

Benedict's
LAW





we're

water

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change
4 life

30 hours lunch time information

- Children will need a packed lunch in a lunch box with their **name clearly labelled on the outside**
- They **will not require a drink** – we will provide water for all children
- Unfortunately we do not have the facility to keep the lunch in a fridge, or to warm food up – you can put in a small ice pack in the box to keep food cool
- **We are a NUT FREE Nursery School.** Please do not send **any food** containing **any nuts** as we have children with severe allergies. This includes home prepared foods and chocolate/cereal bars.
- **No sweets** to be included as part of the lunch box
- Grapes, small tomatoes, blueberries, small sausages etc **MUST be cut in half lengthways.** Please do not send in **any popcorn, marshmallows, boiled sweets or lollipops.** All of these can be a **choking hazard to small children**
- If any foods are unsuitable to be eaten staff will send home a note in the lunchbox stating why
- Where possible remove foods from their original packaging and place into small containers





Popcorn



**Chewing
Gum**



Marshmallows



**Jelly
Cubes**



**Boiled, Gooey
& Sticky
Sweets**



**Ice
Cubes**



**Whole or Broken
Nuts /Seeds, & Nut
/ Seed Butters By
Themselves**



**Whole Raisins
& Other Dried
Fruits**

PREPARING FOODS TO REDUCE CHOKING RISK



BANANA
SPLIT/SLICED
LENGTHWAYS



GRAPES
QUARTERED
LENGTHWAYS



BROCCOLI
SOFTENED FLORET



TOAST
SERVED AS A FINGER



CARROT
SOFTENED FINGER
SIZED STICK



SAUSAGES
HALVED/QUARTERED
LENGTHWAYS

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Celebrations

We will celebrate every child's birthday at Nursery however, as part of our Healthy Lifestyles Policy and DFE guidance we are not able to accept and share any cakes or sweets as a celebration of children's birthdays, Eid, Divali etc.

However, if you would like to bring in some different fruits for the children to enjoy eg a watermelon, pineapple etc (please check with the staff first due to allergies).

This is to ensure we only offer children healthy choices and as a measure to avoid any allergens that could cause an allergic reaction or foods that can be a potential choking hazard.



Book library

- We will provide your child with a book bag (free of charge). This will be used to keep the Nursery books safe.
- Books will be changed once a week when children visit our library. The book bag **MUST** be brought in every week.
- If you lose the book and or bag there will be a charge of £5.00 to replace it.
- Please support your child to take care of their books and to develop a love of reading by sharing the books together at home and writing a short note in the reading record.



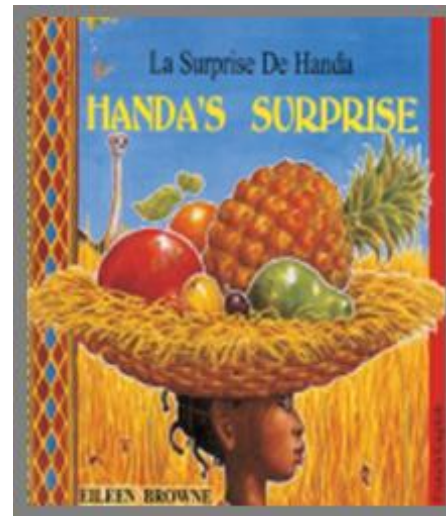
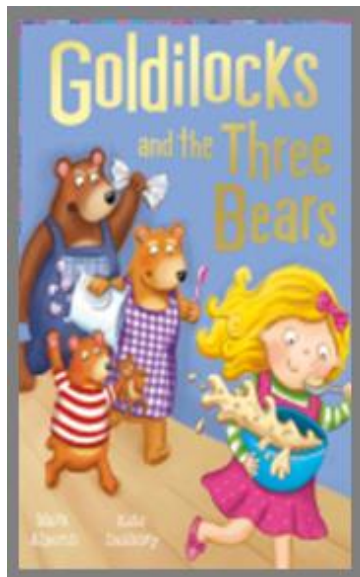


Our library

Core stories and rhymes

Our curriculum is focused around core stories and rhymes.

We will share information about the books and rhymes on Tapestry as well as videos and other ways to support your child at home.





Nature play



Early Years Pupil Premium

This provides the
Nursery School with an
additional **£655.50** per
eligible pupil

You can apply for early years pupil premium for your child if you receive at least one of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax not including any benefits you get

Or if your child is:

- A Looked After Child
- Adopted
- Under a special guardianship order
- Under a child arrangements order

Interventions

- Early Talk Boost – support the development of listening and attention and communication skills
- Dough Disco and Squiggle whilst you wiggle – support physical development and core muscles
- Vygotsky Maths – early maths skills



Working in partnership with parents/carers

- Stay and Play sessions
- Story sharing sessions
- Parent Consultation days
- Celebration days including Christmas, Easter, Eid, Diwali, Mothers Day, Fathers Day etc





Diary dates

All dates for events are provided in September for the year, as well as reminders each half term in the Headteacher Newsletter and on Tapestry.

They are also on our website calendar.

Link to the calendar on our website:

[Netherton Park Nursery School - Calendar](#)

5 INSET days – closed for staff training

2 Parent Consultation days – no normal sessions

Shorter sessions for Christmas and end of year graduation

Tapestry

- This is an online app that we use as our main form of communication with you
- It is VERY IMPORTANT that you download the app and access it on a regular basis
- We will upload our newsletters and all other important information and messages
- We will upload half termly observations of your child's learning and development and **you are expected to read and respond to it**



Tapestry – Parent/carer expectations

- Download the app and access **regularly**
- **Read ALL information and press 'like' to show staff you have read it**
- **Read and add comments to the half termly observations about your child's learning and development**
- Upload observations/comments photos/videos from home for staff to share with your child at Nursery
- **Please DO NOT screenshot any part of Tapestry and post onto any Social Media**



Induction process (New children)



- 3 stay and play sessions in June and July with an adult
- Home visit between 2nd and 4th September
- Monday 7th September 1 hour stay and play session with an adult
- Tuesday 8th September 1 hour on own – adult to stay on site for an induction meeting
- Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, Friday 11th September 2 hours on own
- From Monday 14th September 3 hours on own

Induction process (Returning children)



- 2 stay and play sessions 29th June and 6th July with an adult 10.30am/2.00pm
- Monday 7th September 1 hour stay and play session with an adult
- Tuesday 8th September 1 hour 30 mins on own
- Wednesday 9th September 2 hours on own
- Thursday 10th, Friday 11th September 3 hours on own



Any questions?