

Kintore School Nursery

Dear Parents/Guardians

Term 1

September 2018

Welcome to Kintore School Nursery. We hope that you had a lovely summer break and that your child is raring to get going at Nursery. Thank you all for your patience and consideration over the induction period. It is great to see so many happy and excited faces coming into Nursery everyday.



Staff Names

We are lucky to have a very experienced team in the nursery who are looking forward to getting to know and work with your child.

Mrs Michie	Acting Head Teacher
Mrs Grant	Senior Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Bonnar	Early Years Lead Practitioner
Miss Watt	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Sim	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Bain	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Karpinski	Early Years Practitioner
Miss Harries	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Mackay	Early Years Practitioner (Session 1 only)
Mrs MacKinnon	Early Years Practitioner (Session 2 only)

Start and Finish Times

Just a reminder of our dropping off and collection times:

Morning Sessions: 8.30am - 8:45am start and 11.25am - 11.40 am pick up.

Afternoon Sessions: 12.15pm - 12.30pm start and 3.10pm - 3.25pm pick up.



In the interest of safety, please can you remember to always sign your child in and out at pickup times, ensuring to write down who is collecting your child. Please do not allow your child to sign the sheets. If a different person is picking up your child, please inform a member of staff on the door and insert their name on the sign-in sheet.

If a situation arises during the Nursery session and you require someone else to collect your child, please telephone the Nursery 01467 634385 to let us know.

The Nursery entrance door is alarmed, therefore a member of staff will always be there to enable you to enter and exit the building.

Nursery has six cloak stands: one for each colour group. There are benches also marked for each colour group to use while they change shoes and coats. This will hopefully make it easier for you and your child at pick up and drop off. Please place bags on the shelves below rather than on the hangers as this makes it easier for your child to get ready for outside etc. For safety reasons, shelves under the hangers are not suitable for children to sit or climb on as they are not permanently attached and could collapse on them.

As you may have seen, there is a classroom in close proximity to our entrance. Please could you make sure that the children don't go too close to the window, thus to limit disruption. We also ask that when you are in the building, you make sure that your child does not run around and cause further disruption to the children already working in that class.

In the interest of the children's safety when coming to and from school, can we please ask you to take note of the following:

- Younger pre-school children should not enter or play in the playground or the Adventure Playground.
- **Please keep dogs well away from the school, Nursery door, playground and its' entrances.** We have had quite a few children in the past who have not wished to come to nursery/school because of dogs tied up outside the door by the fence.
- Use the main School Car Park when dropping off and picking up. The Bus and Disabled Parking spots should be left clear to allow use when needed by the appropriate people. We are sure you appreciate the difficulties that can happen when buses cannot park in the correct space to allow children to be dropped off and picked up safely.

We appreciate that all of the above sounds restrictive, but we do want to ensure children can enter the playground freely and that all have left school safely.

Planning and Notices

To keep you informed about the experiences, learning and activities that your child is involved in, we will have a copy of our planning displayed in the corridor as well as copies for you to take home and look at in your own time. The planning sheet changes every few weeks and parents in the past have found it informative when talking to their child about what they have been doing at Nursery.

There is also a Parents' Notice Board situated in our corridor which will have information that you may find useful. Up-to-date school and nursery letters will also be displayed in case you have missed one. You can also find copies posted on the School website.

You can also follow us on Twitter @SchKintore or www.twitter.com/schkintore

Stay and Play

We would like to offer you the opportunity, if you wish, to come along and share a session with your child in Nursery. **We ask that for the first term, only parents of returning children sign up. This ensures that the new children have a chance to settle in fully. Don't worry, there will be plenty more opportunities to come into Nursery!**

This term, two **returning parents** can come into Nursery on a Tuesday. Please note that we try to change the day of the week we have parents in each term, to allow as many people (especially working parents) to have a chance. The signing up sheet will be displayed shortly and is on a first come basis.

World of Work

It is always interesting for the children to hear about the variety of jobs or interests that people do. We would love to have some of you come in to explain what you do at work or share your hobbies, for example, keen gardener or baker. Please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter if you would be interested in visiting us. We hope to have regular visitors throughout the school year

Snack Time

As you may have noticed, the weekly snack menu is displayed on our whiteboard. We ask that you take time to look at this and let us know of any possible allergies or dietary requirements. We try to encourage the children to have 'a try' of all foods if possible.

A letter will come out shortly about the snack fees and the ways in which you can pay. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to see a member of staff.

Uniform

Can you please ensure that all Nursery sweatshirts and polo shirts are labelled with your child's name. This will be a big help to us especially when your child gets hot or needs to be changed. It would also be useful if you could provide a change of clothing in case of accidents, in a named bag that is placed on your child's colour group shelf. As we are constantly learning outdoors come rain or shine, snow or sleet, we ask that you make sure that your child has suitable clothing for all types of weather. Remember that a jacket is required every day as we all know how quickly the Kintore weather can change! We aim to go out everyday no matter the weather! We have a limited supply of spare jackets and would hate for your child to be disappointed if they could not be included in the outdoor activity due to inappropriate clothing.



A reminder that 'Crocs', flip-flops or slippers are not classed as suitable footwear for Nursery as they tend to slip off easily and could cause an accident (especially when we run around in the gym hall!). Footwear must be sufficient for both indoor and outdoor activities. A sign will be displayed at the door which will determine whether your child should wear their indoor or outdoor shoes that day.

Library Visits

We are lucky enough to have our own Nursery library which the children will use to take a book home to share with their family. Children will be taught how to 'run' our library as 'Library Helpers'. We will continue to use the community library on a regular basis to learn about library skills, working alongside the librarian.



Pupil Profiles

Please enjoy taking time to look through your child's profile at pick up or drop off times. Maybe this is something you wish to do together with your child or even a quiet moment on your own. There is a place within your child's profile where you can share and record an achievement that you and your child are proud of from home, family or their wider community. Please feel free to write in what they have achieved yourself or help them record their own news.

Active Packs and Talking Box Parent Workshop

This term, the children will be making use of 'Active from the Start' Packs which will be sent home and aim to encourage physical skills development. Additionally, they will be asked to create their own 'Talking Box' at home to share with their Colour Group in Nursery. We will be holding morning and afternoon workshops on **Wednesday 19th September** to give you more information about these two projects. Could you please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to indicate if you can attend.

Parent Volunteers

We would really appreciate it if we could have some parent helpers to help check our Active Packs which will be issued this term. If you are free to help, please sign up on the Active Pack helper sheet on the Nursery notice board. You will be rewarded with a coffee and a fine piece!!!



Birthdays

If you wish your child to share this special day with their Nursery friends, we ask that you bring in a **shop bought, plain, un-iced sponge cake**. We also ask for you not to bring in sweets to share with other children as there are quite a few children with allergies within the Nursery who we have to include and take into consideration. Due to our large numbers, we are finding ourselves racing against the clock at the end of the session. Mainly for this reason we would ask you not to expect us to distribute party invitations etc.



Colour Day

Your child will now know what colour group they are in so we thought we would have a fun 'Colour Day' to help the children settle into their groups! On Friday 7th September, your child can come to Nursery dressed in the colour of their group. They can come dressed with a 'touch' of colour or head-to-toe in their colour! Remember, if your child does not own anything in their colour, they can always make something such as a sash or badge or ask the Nursery staff for some help.

Induction Feedback

Thank you very much for the feedback sheets which have come into us so far about the induction process. We really appreciate you taking the time to write down your views and suggestions about how we could improve this part of your child's time in nursery. We hope to feedback some of your suggestions at a later date and will take these into consideration when we make up the programme for next year. Thank you again.

Parents Coffee Morning

In the past our parents have enjoyed getting to know other parents within their child's setting by coming along to our Parents Coffee mornings. This first coffee morning is held in a room near to the Nursery and is a chance for you to meet other parents. We will be holding these on a monthly basis. Although over the nursery year the children will be hosting their own coffee mornings for you, these get togethers are just for adults (Peace at last!). Please feel free to bring along younger siblings and we will try to find some younger toys to amuse them! The dates are as follows:



Session 1: Wednesday 5th September @ 9.15 am

Session 2: Wednesday 5th September @ 2.00pm

If you wait in the Nursery Foyer we will take you through to the Rainbow Room just before so you can enjoy getting to know each other.

Other dates for your diary will be coming out to you shortly as well as a whole school planner of events. Watch this space!

Thank you again for your continual support!

The Nursery Ladies

Parent Active Pack and Talking Box Workshops

I will attend Wednesday 19th September at 9:00am

I will attend Wednesday 19th September at 12:30pm

I will not be able to attend

Child's Name: _____ Session: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

World of Work

I would like to volunteer to talk about my job or hobby. I can visit on these days

***Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday**

I can/cannot visit both sessions

Child's Name: _____ Session: _____ Job: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____