

Brentwood Day Nursery

Hello to all our families during this unusual time for us all – we do hope that you are managing at home. As you know we are still operating as a nursery for children of essential keyworkers and vulnerable children. The children that have been attending have been well supported and we are thoroughly enjoying spending time with them, and we have seen that they have adjusted well to the current situation and are progressing well.

We are also aware that it must be a real struggle for many of you



who are juggling work and childcare at home. If you feel that you need extra support, please do let us know, we will do all we can to support you. The effects of lockdown may have an impact on your mental health and it's important

that you seek help if you feel you are struggling.

We are loading activities and tasks on to **Tapestry and Facebook** to help you keep your children busy at home. If there is anything specific that you would like us to include, please let us know. There are also other resources; <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> www.alittlesomethingforyou.co.uk

Most importantly please do not feel that you have to provide a home school/nursery learning environment for your children, this is a great opportunity for children to learn in other ways, cooking, gardening, outside play, walking.

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We hope all our children are enjoying their time at the nursery and at home for those of you not attending. Please **remember to recommend** us to your friends and family as we will have spaces in September.

We hope that you are pleased with the **primary school place** that has been awarded to your child. If there is anything that we can help with please let us know.

Upcoming topic and events

This term we are focusing on preparing the children who are due to leave for school. We will be preparing them with important skills, such as independence in toileting, handwashing and dressing.

We have two **new borrow bags** called 'school transition' bags.

They include all essential equipment that children will be using more regularly in school such as scissors and knives and forks. We have also included some guidance and literature to help parents and children. We have uploaded pictures of the bags on to Tapestry. If you would like to borrow them, even if your child isn't currently attending nursery, please let Chrissie know.

As you will be aware, the government have recently notified everyone that they are looking to begin the opening of schools on the 1st June following the **Covid 19 lockdown**. They mentioned specific year groups for primary schools and we are clarifying the early years sector opening date and will give you more information on this as soon as we have it. We need to ensure that children and staff are protected and so will be looking into ways of how we can provide a 'social distancing' setting.

We have included **emergency numbers** for Rachel and Chrissie on the weekly email and you will also get the details an automatic reply from any emails you send to the nursery. If you need us in an emergency please refer to those telephone numbers.



Communications

Please do keep us updated with everything that you are doing at home, we love to see what the children are up to. Please post on Facebook and Tapestry.



Employee of the month

Our employee of the month for April was Chrissie! She has been extremely dedicated in supporting children and staff during this unsettling time. She has also helped to keep the children communicating by setting up the zoom calls.

Staff

Our apprentice Vickie has left the nursery, she needed time to concentrate on her family, we wish her well and we will be looking to recruit another staff member.