



Bumble Bees Day Nursery & pre-School



13th February 2023

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome children and our families that have joined us in December and over the next few weeks in January. Alexander, Albie, Holly and Rory.

We hope you all join us in welcoming Maisie to our staff team.

A few reminders

After a very wet start to the New year we will be taking some of the children out on Winter walks, so please could you if you haven't already provide a nice warm waterproof coat and some boots to stay at nursery. If we could also please ask that you provide a hat, Scarf and gloves and that all items are labelled.

Please could we also remind you to make sure that your Child's drink bottle is labelled too.

As the weather turns colder, we expect children will come down with a few general colds and coughs we just ask you to monitor your children if they appear unwell to you then please let us know and refrain from bringing them into nursery to help stop the spread of infections.

IMPORTANT

Whilst we understand that there are circumstances out of your control that will make you late and of course we will accommodate this.

We appreciate that many of you arrive on time and we thank you.

However more parents seem to be arriving late. Obviously this has an impact on our staff who have commitments and means that we have to pay over time .

With this in mind we are starting to introduce a charge of £5.00 for any child collected after 5pm and there after for every 10 minutes. Please note this is not an extra service but to act as a prevention of people being late.

Thank you

Key workers

If you are unsure who your child's key person is please ask a member of staff

Family Photo Album

Please can we have a A4 sheet of Paper with photos of family members, printed and passed onto us for us to complete our family album for the children to look through and share.

OPENING HOURS

9AM - 5PM

NURSERY DOES NOT START UNTIL 9AM. WE ARE USUALLY HERE FROM 8:45 TO SET UP. SO PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LEAVING YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO 9AM. IF YOU DO NEED TO DROP OFF PRIOR TO THIS PLEASE KNOCK THE NURSERY DOOR AND ASK THE DUTY PRACTITIONERS.

EARLY YEARS FUNDING.

WE OFFER THE FREE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION ENTITLEMENT FOR 2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS IN 2 SESSIONS EACH DAY. THESE ARE BETWEEN 9AM AND 12:00PM AND AGAIN BETWEEN 2PM AND 5PM.

YOU CAN FIND MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE FREE ENTITLEMENT ON:

WWW.KENT.GOV.UK/EDUCATION-AND-CHILDREN/CHILDCARE-AND-PRE-SCHOOL/FREE-CHILDCARE

IN ADDITION TO THIS OTHER GOVERNMENT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO PARENTS.

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR TAX CREDITS YOU CAN RECEIVE UP TO 70% OF YOUR CHILDCARE COSTS WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS. THE GOV.UK WEBSITE CONTAINS A CALCULATOR THAT WILL HELP YOU ESTABLISH THIS.

IF YOU ARE EMPLOYED AND A TAXPAYER YOU CAN OBTAIN TAX -FREE CHILDCARE VOUCHERS.

Tapestry

We hope you enjoy your child's journey at Bumble Bees. Please add any events you do at home and do make comments we love to hear your views.

Parents Notice board.

Many of you would have noticed that we have a new Parents Notice board. Please look on it for updates and information . We will let you know each month what our Topic is and what the children have been doing. We will also let you know what the Letter is that we will be concentrating on for our pre-school Children. We have been celebrating Chinese New year and valentine's day. Our role play area has been a Chinese restaurant, A vets and now a hairdressers.

Reminder of holiday dates for your diary 2021/2022

Easter Holiday

Nursery will be closed from 3rd April 2023 and will re-open on 11th April 2022

May bank holiday 1st May, 8th May, 29th May 2023

Summer Holiday

Nursery will be closed from 21st August 2023 and will re-open on 4th September 2023.

Fee's: From 1st January 2023 our fee structure will be increasing to £60 a day.

Our final and most important request is that you please ensure that your fees are paid within 7 days of receipt of the invoice. We work on small margins and Allison is going grey to balance the books!

The small but perfectly formed

Bumble Bee's Team