

### **Our First week at Busy Beacons**

What a busy first week it has been! Each and every child that has started at Busy Beacons this week has done a remarkable job at getting settled into their new environment, with the adults and the other children. They deserve a massive congratulations and we should celebrate their big moments and steps as some have separated from their parents for the very first time. Whilst there were some tears along the way, there were lots of happy, smiley faces as parents returned at the end of the day to greet them.

The children have been exploring their new environment both indoors and outdoors, and we have had our first visit to the forest, following the trail and getting used to this intriguing part of our nursery too. There are lots of exciting moments to come and we are looking forward to sharing these experiences with the children.

### **Keyworkers**

As the children continue the settling in process, children will be assigned a key worker over the coming weeks and we will let you know who as soon as possible. This will be your primary source of contact should you have any queries or questions about your child at nursery, their learning and development, although all staff will be available and responsive to any concerns you may have.

### **Class Dojo**

The app is now officially up and running! You should begin to receive notifications and see some photos and comments about what the children have been getting up to this week as they have settled into their new environment. If you are having any difficulties using the app, please speak to the Nursery team and we will support with any issues.

There is also a messaging system on Class Dojo and so can also be used for any communications between yourself and the staff.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding as your children settle into their new environment! As always, if you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

*Danielle, Patricia, and Pauline*

## **REMINDERS**

**Bag:** Please provide a bag for your child containing the following: water bottle/beaker, spare clothes, nappies, wipes and creams (if required), wellies, full body rain suit (for exploring in all weathers!), which can be kept in the nursery on your child's peg.

**Medication:** If your child is receiving any medication at home that you would like to be administered at nursery, that this is provided, and your child's key worker is aware

**Breakfast and tea:** Please use Class Dojo to inform the Nursery each week if your child will require breakfast or tea by Thursday of each week, for the following week. Breakfast is served between 7.30-8.30am and tea from 4.45pm.

**Accidents:** Please let your child's key worker know if your child has had an accident at home that has or may result in injury so that we are aware.

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Here's what some of our parents have to say:

'My three-year-old absolutely loved his first week at nursery. When I collect him each afternoon, he is so excited to show me all the things he has made during the day. He loved the 'adventures' in the forest and creating pictures with the craft materials. The staff at the nursery are so warm and friendly and they have tailored the activities each day to my son's interests. My 18-month-old twins also enjoyed their first day at the nursery. They liked eating their fruit and veggie bites around the table together and, of course, the wonderful open space in the play area. It is such a nice feeling that they are just around the corner!

*Mum of Daniel, Gabriel O, and Theo*



"I was happy to find out that the Trust were providing a staff nursery however I was blown away when I actually saw the facilities. The size of the play/forest area is something that I haven't seen in the other nurseries I've visited, and you can see a lot of thought has gone into the resources and layout inside and outside of the nursery. The staff are also really friendly which I think has helped my child settle in quickly. During pick up times I've been able to spot him before he notices me, and he's always been well cared for and happy which has helped put my mind at rest. As a working parent, the additional time I'll get with him now to and from work will be a big bonus"

*Dad of Gabriel S*



' My son has had a lovely 3 days of settling in at Busy Beacons. He has thoroughly enjoyed all the new toys which has encouraged a lot of learning and development - especially the walker to help my son to start walking. I'm so thankful to Danielle, Patricia and Pauline for their attentive care for my son and putting me at ease whilst my son settles in. He has warmed to the ladies very quickly as they are so calm and caring and I can't wait to see my son progress. The nursery looks incredible and I am so impressed with everything so far! It's honestly been incredible so far. Thank you!'

*Mum of Kaiyan*