

The Lea Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I've been facing lots of questions about Coronavirus and possible school closure. I thought it best to update you via newsletter.

In addition to this we've got lots packed into the next few months and this newsletter gives you details of some of these exciting activities and events.

Coronavirus



As all of you will be aware there is a great deal of fear and uncertainty circulating about Coronavirus. The government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. In light of this the following information will let you know what we're doing, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Slough Borough Council.

What's the current situation?

- The **Nursery remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given.
- All Nursery functions including walking bus, breakfast club and trips continue to run as normal.
- We have chosen to postpone the trip to Odd's Farm on the 21st of April but we will definitely be going in June so children won't miss out.
- Children should attend Nursery unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature.
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by phoning, texting or e-mailing. Please let us know if your child is unwell and the reason for their illness. If you are choosing to self-isolate your child then please let us know this so we can record the absence under the right code.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

Please be reassured that we are taking every precaution to ensure that the Nursery is as safe as possible for children, for example door handles, exit buttons and touch screens are being cleaned frequently throughout the day.

We are talking to children about hygiene, this includes teaching the right technique for hand washing. Please continue to talk to children about the following principles:

- Covering their mouth when they sneeze or cough (using a tissue or elbow.) The tissue should be thrown straight in the bin and they should wash their hands with soap afterwards.
- This Youtube video is aimed at children and teaching them the proper hand washing technique.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>
- Avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth. (This includes discouraging children from sucking their own thumbs and fingers.)

Children with persistent coughs or temperatures will be isolated and sent home immediately. Please ensure you come and collect your child straight away if we ask you to.

What happens if Nursery has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the Nursery.

If this is the case we'll text you to let you know that Nursery will be closed. Please ensure we have the correct contact information, otherwise you won't get the text! We will contact you via text again to let you know when Nursery will reopen.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help you prepare. **There are currently no plans to close.**

If you have any questions please

Talk to myself or Reception staff, if you have any questions about our response to this issue.

Please consult:

- NHS, (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's travel advice (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent please report it in one of the following 3 ways:

- Phone the Nursery on **01753 536492**
- Text the Nursery on the following number **07786208889**
- E-mail the Nursery using the address post@lea-nursery.slough.sch.uk

If your child is absent and you receive a text please either reply to this text, phone or e-mail to let us know why your child is away.

Bus Trips



Several more groups have visited Sainsbury's using a local bus. Here are the dates for the next few visits:



Pandas- Thursday 19th March

Leopards- Thursday 26th March

Kangaroos- Thursday 2nd April

The Library

Here are the library days for the rest of the term. Please collect your child from the Library on his/her Library day.

Pandas Leopards		Friday 20 th March
Meerkats Butterflies Lions		Friday 27 th March

Mums in School Day

Friday the 20th of March is Mums in School Day. We would like to invite all Mums to come in at any point during the day. You can pop in for 10 minutes if that's all you have time for, but if you'd like to stay for longer are very welcome to. You can come at any point during the day- we'd love to have you along anytime!



You will be able to see your child at Nursery and you'll have the opportunity to play with him/her inside and outside. Children are always very excited to have their Mum at Nursery so please do come along if you can.



Chicks

Very soon we will be getting 10 tiny chicken eggs. Children will see the eggs and will have the opportunity to watch chicks emerging. We will enjoy watching them grow for 2 weeks before sending them back to the farm. We will need a family to look after them on the weekend of the 28th of March so if you feel like being a chick babysitter do let us know!

Parent Workshop on Supporting Children's Behaviour

We have a parent workshop on Wednesday 25th March (at 8:45am and 12:30pm) that will tackle the topic of behaviour. We will have experts on the subject of children and behaviour coming to share their ideas with you. If you find your child's behaviour challenging sometimes then this is definitely a workshop to attend!

Bunny Hop and Easter Egg Hunt

We will end this term with a Bunny Hop and an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny may even come to visit... So please join us on Friday the 3rd of April at 10am for morning children and 12:20 for afternoon children.



April Holidays

Please note that Nursery will close at 1:30pm on the 3rd of April for the Easter holidays. We will reopen again for children on Tuesday the 21st of April.

Changes to INSET Days

As you may be aware, one of our OFSTED actions is to develop the outdoor area. For this reason we have chosen to use the services of an early years consultant who specialises in risk, adventure and outdoor play. She is going to carry out training for staff on the 20th April. It means that we will be closed on this day and will reopen on the 21st of April. You will see in the diary below that I've amended the INSET days at the end of the academic year and instead of having two training days then we will now only have one. My apologies for the disruption, however I hope you will understand the need to get moving on developing children's learning in the outdoor area.

Parent Workshop on Mathematics

Are you confident teaching your child mathematics? Do you need some ideas? Our workshop might help. Come and join us on Wednesday 22nd April (at 8:45am and 12:30pm.)





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Spring 2020

Term 4

Friday 20th March 2020- 'Mums in School' day

Monday 23rd March 2020- eggs (with chicks inside) arriving at Nursery

Friday 3rd April 2020- 'Bunny Hop' and Easter Egg hunt

Term ends on: Friday 3rd April 2020

Spring Holiday: Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

(Good Friday - 10th April 2020; Easter Monday - 13th April 2020)

Summer 2020

Term 5

INSET- Monday 20 April 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)

Term starts on: Tuesday 21st April 2020

Wednesday 13th May 2020- Photographer taking photos of children

Term ends on: Friday 22nd May 2020

May Holiday: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Term 6

Term starts on: Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 1st June 2020- Eid party

Tuesday 9th June 2020- outing to 'Odd's Farm'

Friday 26th June 2020- Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July 2020- outing to 'Ruislip Lido'

Thursday 9th July 2020- outing to 'Legoland'

Friday 17th July- Goodbye to leavers celebration

Monday 20th July- Teddy bears' picnic

Term ends on: Tuesday 21st July 2020

INSET- Wednesday 22nd July 2020 (Nursery is closed for children)

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 22nd July 2020- Thursday 3rd September.