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18th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year at Wallace Hall ELC

We hope you have had a good holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming your child to the ELC tomorrow, either for the first time or as a returner.

As we all know, the Coronavirus situation is constantly evolving. We have received updated guidance from Scottish Government and the local authority about the details of the return to the ELC and the mitigations are broadly the same as before the summer holidays. This letter should hopefully provide all the details you will need to ensure that your child has a calm and positive start or return to nursery tomorrow.

As before, the children do not need to socially distance from each other. The ELC will no longer be operating two 'bubbles', which were known as the Rainbow Room and the Sunshine Room, within the nursery due to the smaller total number of children in attendance. This is in line with Scottish Government Guidance and we feel that the return to a 'single setting' ELC will bring many benefits to the children including more space to play and learn, and the ability to play with all the children freely.

Alongside our usual health and safety measures, specific infection control measures will continue to keep the whole ELC community as safe as possible.

Drop off and pick-up

Unfortunately, parents/carers are still unable to accompany their children into the nursery. We look forward to welcoming you into the nursery as soon as we are able to do so safely.

Please drop off your child at the nursery entrance and please maintain 1m social distancing between other family groups and ELC staff while waiting outside the nursery. You and your child will be met by a member of the nursery staff and your child will be welcomed inside.

If your child is finding it difficult to settle and to come into the nursery we will ask that you come to the nursery playground gate where you will be met by another member of staff. You will be invited into an area of the outside nursery space so that you and a member of staff are able to help your child settle in and feel comfortable in the surroundings.

Please pick up your child from the nursery entrance.



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Enhanced hygiene practices

Your child will be helped to wash their hands with soap and water as soon as they enter the nursery, before and after eating, after using the toilet and at regular times during the day.

What to bring

Indoor shoes for your child are advisable. Also recommended are a pair of wellies which can be kept at nursery for outdoor play which will be accessible at all times.

Please could your child come to nursery dressed for the weather and bring a bag with a change of clothes.

Lunchtime

If your child is at nursery over lunchtime they are entitled to a free lunch. You will be required to order their lunch prior to the week beginning, via an uploaded link to the menu on ClassDojo. If you choose to provide a packed lunch instead then please bring this to nursery where it will be placed into a fridge until lunchtime.

Nursery will provide water to drink so there is no need for your child to bring a water bottle at this time.

New starters

The nursery staff are looking forward to meeting you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions please get in touch by contacting the Primary School office or via ClassDojo. We are really looking forward to welcoming the ELC children to nursery tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Laura Weir and Anna Meredith
Nursery Manager and Depute Head Teacher

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