Nursery Attendance – Helping Your Little One Flourish

Why Every Day Matters

Attending nursery regularly is about much more than just being present — it's about giving your child the best possible start in life. Each day at nursery offers:

- Social growth – building friendships, learning to share, and developing empathy
- Learning through play – developing early maths, communication, literacy and physical skills
- Confidence building – trying new things, making choices, and feeling proud of achievements.
- Routine and structure – helping children feel secure and ready for the transition to primary school.

Even at nursery age, missing days can mean missing out on important experiences that help your child's development.

Our Commitment to Attendance

We aim to create a welcoming, safe, and stimulating environment that children are excited to attend every day. We encourage families to make attendance a priority, as coming to nursery consistently helps children settle in, form bonds, and progress in their learning journey.

When to Keep Your Child at Home

We understand that sometimes children are too unwell to attend. Please keep your child at home if they have:

- A high temperature or fever.
- Vomiting or diarrhoea – they should only return 48 hours after the last episode.
- Infectious illnesses such as chickenpox, measles, or conjunctivitis (please check with us for return guidance).
- Any illness that makes them too tired or uncomfortable to join in activities.

If you're unsure whether your child should attend, you can always call us for advice.

Reporting Absence

If your child is unable to attend:

- Contact us on the first day of absence, ideally before the start of their session.
- Let us know the reason and the expected return date.
- Keep us updated if the absence is longer than expected.

This helps us keep accurate records and ensures we can support your child when they return.

Holidays During Term Time

We understand that family time is important, but taking holidays during term time can disrupt your child's learning and routine. We kindly ask that you:

- Plan trips during school breaks whenever possible.
- Speak to us in advance if you are considering time away.
- Be aware that extended absences can make it harder for children to settle back in.

How You Can Support Good Attendance

- Create a consistent routine – regular bedtimes and morning habits make getting ready easier.
- Talk positively about nursery – share excitement about friends, teachers, and activities.
- Prepare the night before – lay out clothes, pack bags, and plan breakfast to reduce morning stress.
- Communicate with us – let us know about any changes at home or worries your child may have.

Working Together

We believe that strong partnerships between home and nursery are key to a child's success. By working together, we can ensure your child feels happy, supported, and ready to learn every day.