Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd

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Newsletter September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our returning parents and a big hello and welcome to our new parents who are joining us this academic year. I am sure most of you know this, but I have officially taken over the position of Nursery Manager after Penny retired in July, and I am very excited to be supporting and working with you and your children from now on. Please reach out and speak to me if you have any concerns or queries. Holiday club has been a success again for another year, and I hope the children who did join us over the break had a great time. Here is to starting a new academic year…

Nursery and wrap around care

We return on **Wednesday 2nd September** for nursery and before and after school clubs. Doors are opened at 8am for the before school and 9am for the nursery.

Dropping off and picking up

For those of you new to nursery and a reminder to families returning, the pathway down to nursery is shared with the school. Please be mindful when lining up and keep to the left nearest to the nursery building. Please do not let your children run off down the path or into the car park. Also, please can I remind and inform parents that dogs are not permitted on the school site, they are not allowed through the blue gate.

Dates for your diary

I have emailed out the dates for the diary document, which states our stay and plays, fundraising events, Christmas events, sports day and graduation. These dates will be on newsletters in the future for a further reminder 😊

Differences

A few differences that are starting from September and one of them is that we have decided to change our room names. The preschool room is now known as Rising Stars and the Toddler room is now known as Little Explores. Jess R is room leader of Rising Stars and Lynsey is room leader of Little Explorers. Lynsey has also taken over the role of the nursery SENCO.

Staffing

We have welcomed two new members of staff over the holidays. Firstly, Ana, who is joining our Little Explores room. And is a qualified member of staff with over 5 years of knowledge and secondly, Ellie, who is going to join our other lunchtime supervisor to support during mealtimes. We are excited to extend our nursery family.

We are also having to let everyone know that due to different reasons we have said goodbye to Catherine and Kelly over the

summer, but we wish them all the best.

Autumn Term Funding

For those eligible for the Two, Three, and Four-year funding entitlement, for the returning children, I believe I have had all the funding form back now any that I am missing I will catch you on your first day back. For the new starters, I will be giving you your funding forms when you come for the induction sessions 😊

Welcome pack

For all new parents, when you have read all the information in your welcome pack, can you please return all relevant forms filled in and signed

Fees

There has been no increase with our fees, this only applies to those paying for fees or additional childcare services.

The invoices are sent from our finance manager so any queries could you please email them direct. If you find you are having difficulty making payment, can you please speak to Jess S in the first instance, so you don't incur late payment charges

Clothing, footwear, nappies and wipes

Whilst the weather is still mild it is not as warm as it has been. Can you please ensure your children are dressed for the changing seasons as they spend long periods of time in the outdoor environment.

If your child is in nappies then it is your responsibility to ensure your child is stocked up with plenty of nappies and wipes.

Red book bags

Once the children are settled back in, we will be sending home our red book bags for the children to enjoy reading a book at home with their family. The books can be changed as often as you like, all we ask is that you take care of the books and handle them with care. The book bag is on loan so please do not write your child's name on the bag; we will instead attach your child's photograph/name.

Wrap-a-round club

For our school children we know they like to access clubs which the school puts on. If you wish for your child to take part in the clubs, can you please inform Jess S as soon as possible so we know if we are picking up your child or not.

If your child is absent from school can you please call the nursery to let us know so that we don't add them to the pickup list.

Key person

Each child is allocated a key person, so for all our new families, you will be informed of your child's key person when your child does their induction visits. Please use this time to share as much information about your child as you can so that we can establish support from the beginning.

Tapestry

When your child has settled into nursery you will be invited to join Tapestry. This is where you can view your child's learning journal online detailing observations and photographs of their time in nursery. You will be able to comment and upload your own photographs and observations.

Safeguarding

Please ensure you let Jess S know of any changes to details including address and contact numbers. For new parents can you provide Jess S with photographs of people allowed to pick up your child. All relevant paperwork will be included in your welcome pack.

Stay and play

We encourage parents to come and join their child in play, meet the staff and see what activities we get up to. We will aim to offer these sessions on different days throughout the year so that working parents can hopefully come along too. The first stay and play session coming up will be on **Thursday 15th October 13.45-15.00**

With Regards

Jess Sreeves

Manager at Alcester Nursery Studio Ltd