



## **PARENT NEWS 2020**

Welcome back to the new term and the start of another school year. A very warm welcome to all the new families joining us. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Due to the current continuing situation the nursery is only open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on a Thursday morning when we open at 8 a.m. If you would like to book your child in for breakfast on a Thursday morning starting at 8 a.m. please let us know.

Thank you to everyone for keeping to our safety policies and procedures.

**Please contact us ASAP if anyone in your household has any signs of COVID 19 or if you are self-isolating. This is important as we will have to contact the relevant regulatory bodies.**

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Attached to this newsletter is UPDATE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS. Please can you complete and return to nursery asap. Thank you.

### **NURSERY HAIRDRESSER**

Sue is next in nursery to cut children's hair on

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

If you would like your child's hair cut please put £6 in a named envelope and write instructions on the outside.

### **PLAYING OUTSIDE**

Please make sure the children have suitable clothing for outdoor play. It can be chilly and windy at this time of year.

### **PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE (JUNE 2020)**

32 questionnaires were sent out and 15 returned

Are you made to feel welcome? 15 yes no not sure

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Are you supplied with enough information about nursery, names of staff, opening hours, holidays, fees/funding etc? 15 yes no not sure

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If you were concerned about the welfare of a child would you know what to do or whom to seek advice from? 15 yes no not sure

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Are you happy with our methods of discipline and praise? 15 yes no not sure

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Do you have opportunities to

- talk to staff on a daily basis 15 yes no not sure
- feel you could discuss matters in more depth if necessary 15 yes no not sure

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Are your queries or concerns addressed quickly and effectively? 15 yes no not sure

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Do you feel that your child is provided with well planned activities which support them as individuals to make progress? 14 yes no 1 not sure

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If you had a complaint would you know whom to approach? 15 yes no not sure

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Are you happy with the learning environment and displays of children's work? 15 yes no not sure

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500 } Do you feel the nursery promotes and supports your family values? 15 yes no not sure

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We were last inspected by Ofsted in September 2013 and were delighted, once again, to receive 'Outstanding' in all areas.

OFSTED inspections judge and grade us in the following format. As a nursery we have to regularly self-evaluate ourselves asking 'What is it like for a child at Abacus?' We would like you to think about each of the questions below and give your personal judgement as to a grade based on the same scale as the inspector uses.

- Grade 1 : Outstanding - our practice is excellent
- Grade 2 : Good - a strong area
- Grade 3 : Requires improvement - OK but we could do better
- Grade 4 : Inadequate - not good enough we need to improve

**Overall effectiveness ; The quality and standards of our nursery provision.**  
(The level of the nursery standard of education and care)

Grade 😞 4 3 2 **1 x 15** 😊

**Effectiveness of leadership and management.**

Grade 😞 4 3 2 **1 x 15** 😊

**Quality of teaching, learning and assessment.**

Grade 😞 4 3 **2 x 1** **1 x 14** 😊

**Your child's personal development, behaviour and welfare.**  
(How well have we supported your child in these)

Grade 😞 4 3 **2 x 1** **1 x 14** 😊

**Outcomes for your child.**

(How well has your child progressed from when they started)

Grade 😞 4 3 2 **1 x 15** 😊

## **TERM DATES**

Start of Autumn Term : Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

End of Autumn Term for Term Time Only children : Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

End of term for 51 week children : Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Half Term : Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Unfunded week : 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

If you receive nursery funding you will be charged for this weeks

(at your normal hours at the current nursery rate)

**HOWEVER**, if you **ONLY** attend nursery for funded hours e.g. your invoice for that term is ZERO. You may choose not to attend the unfunded week.

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