

Welcome to Kylemore Nursery School

The children have all started now and are enjoying exploring the school. Although there are some reluctant wee ones, we hope that each child will eventually settle and settling comfortably into nursery will be our priority for the month of September. We encourage you to take time and stay until your child feels confident enough to be left alone. There are chairs in the nursery where you can sit to support your child as s/he settles and help build a relationship of trust.

This is the first of our newsletters giving you details of what is happening in school. I hope that you will find these informative and interesting. The Parents' Board and Library also have books and leaflets which we hope you will find helpful. It has been good to meet so many of you and we hope that you and your child will have a very enjoyable year with us and that you will feel that you can make an appointment to come and talk to us if you have any worries or concerns.



Marian McCouaig, Principal

STAFF

	TEACHER	NURSERY ASSISTANT	TRANSITION SUPPORT WORKER
Blue class	Marian	Nicole	Agnes
Green class	Alison	Nicole	Agnes
Red class	Louise	Grace	Agnes
Yellow class	Marian: Mon Heather: Tue-Fri	Kerry	Agnes

All staff work on a rota basis and it means that there will be a variety of staff involved with all children during the class time each day.

From Monday 16th September we will introduce small group time which will take place first thing each day.

Please be on time!! Your child will be with the same staff member in the same location each day on arrival into nursery. We will have a list in the entrance hall for you to check.

LEARNING

In *September* all staff will observe your child closely during this first month at nursery school. Please help by promoting your child's confidence and independence at all times - this is important at home and in school -

Why not start with your child hanging up their own coat each day when you arrive.

SNACK

The snack routine will start soon. There are a number of children in school with dangerous food allergies, so we are asking you to accept school policy and -

Please do not send your child to nursery school with sweets, chocolate, any food containing nut traces or fizzy drinks.

Birthdays are celebrated with a special fruit snack.

ECO NEWS



You will have seen the green flag outside our school. We are very proud to have achieved the flag and this year Louise leads our ECOschools Committee. We need 2 representatives from the morning class and 2 from the afternoon class for our ECOschools committee - feel free to volunteer - only one meeting each half term when your child is in school.

Our first meeting will be **with Louise on Monday 23rd September from 11.00 - 11.15**

with Heather on Monday 23rd September from 14.30 - 14.45

Please speak to Louise or Heather if you are happy to help!

GARDENING

Our plants have grown so well this year - probably thanks to a good summer! We will harvest and cook our rhubarb, potatoes and garlic over the next few weeks. We will also tidy up the garden and help the children become aware of using water wisely. Our apples and pears will be used to make fruit juice soon.

STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES

All children must be in school at the start of each session.

Please remember that all children must be collected promptly at the end of each session -

This is important for the following reasons:

- To ensure that your child benefits from being in nursery. **We will not release children early from the story room under any circumstances.**
- To ensure that your child does not get upset if left behind after their friends have been collected.
- To ensure that the staff have time to plan and prepare the activities / materials for the next session.

May we also ask those parents and carers who come by car to park outside the grounds with care and consideration for the safety of the children and the local residents.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY

Have you returned all the completed forms? Are your contact details up to date?

We would ask you to enter the school grounds through the small pedestrian gate and **not through the entrance for vehicles**. Please close each door and the gate securely as you go in or out.

This is to ensure your child's safety. The settling in period may be an anxious time for some children who might take the opportunity of an open door or gate - and a crowded area to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

OUTDOOR CLOTHES

Outdoor play is an extremely important part of the nursery curriculum and we do go outside every single day. For cold/wet days please make sure your child has wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat.

Remove tyings etc that may get caught on climbing equipment, slides or cycles etc.

Remember - if your child is not well enough to play outside s/he is not well enough to be in school.

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on bags, shoes, wellies and clothing especially coats and sweatshirts.



To encourage independence and prevent accidents at the toilet, your child should wear trousers etc with elasticated waists that s/he can undo without help.

Do not send your child to nursery school wearing any type of belt.

BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

Our book lending library opens from Monday 16th September. You are welcome to use the Book Library each day - the details are on display in the entrance hall. Please remember to return a book before you borrow another.

CHATTER PACKS

Our Getting Ready To Learn packs are available from Thursday - Monday starting 19th September. The planned lending dates are on display in the entrance hall. Have a look please!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We are very fortunate to have a member of staff whose role is specifically linked to family working. Agnes our Transition Support Worker will be a valuable link for all parents. Agnes works in Kylemore and also in Killowen and St John's primary schools to support the children who have just moved on to Primary One.

Family Fridays will happen in nursery school each month starting at the end of September...a time for you and your child to work together!

SCHOOL FUND

You may have seen that all school budgets have been cut. This means that your money is vital to help us provide all the bus costs, entertainers, events and wee extras for **your child**.

Please use Parentmail or post in the School Fund collection box.

Our secretary will access the envelopes and keep a record of all payments. Receipts will be provided for all parents. We always have spare envelopes available at the collection box and in the entrance hall.

This year's fees are: **£3.00 per week.**
 £37.00 per term - must be paid by 27th September.
 £111.00 for the whole year - must be paid by 27th September.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are a Rights Respecting School.

You will notice that the Rights Respecting schools logo is on our website and on display in our Entrance Hall - As part of our new School Development Plan we will re apply for the Bronze award this school year. More details later.

CHECK OUT OUR NURSERY WEBSITE www.kylemorenursery.com

Our website will contain information about our school, newsletters etc. We welcome any comments you wish to make. The Calendar will be updated weekly and you may like to keep an eye out for events etc. We are on twitter and information will be shared here too. Nursery texting service is available but it only works if you give us up-to-date mobile numbers....

Kylemore Nursery School is a happy, busy, but messy place.

Here are a few **do's** to help your child.

- Come and go on time.
- Wait until story is finished before you pick up your child.
- Tell us if your child is ill or absent.
- Make sure we always have an up to date address and phone number where the school can contact you.
- Always close the main front door and the gate behind you.
- Pay your school fund.
- Respect EveryChild EveryDay - and their families.

- Do park your car carefully on the road respecting the local community's right to park.
- Do keep your dog on a lead and OUTSIDE the school grounds.

AND FINALLY - HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME!

There are lots of ways in which you can help your child at home. First, look for ways of helping your child to be independent and make choices. When children can do things for themselves they gain in confidence. Every time you praise, encourage and tell your child that you love and enjoy being with him or her, you are also building up confidence and making him/her feel special.