



# Saint Ninian's Nursery Class Newsletter

*"Where adventure, nurture and learning go hand in hand."*



**AUGUST**

## **Welcome back to another exciting year at St Ninian's Nursery!**

The St Ninian's Nursery staff would like to welcome back all of our children and extend a very warm welcome to our new boys and girls who are joining this wonderful family. Many of you joined us 'on tour' this summer and I enjoyed popping in to see how everyone was getting on. It was a great adventure being in a new environment but it is nice to have you all return 'home' to St Ninian's.

We are delighted to announce that a new Early Years Practitioner, Miss Julia Czachor, will be joining our nursery family. She is looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and months.

We would also like to welcome our parents to what is sure to be an exciting adventure for us all in the year ahead. Thank you for joining us on this journey where adventure, nurture and learning go hand in hand.

Mrs Roy – Depute Headteacher (Acting)



As you may be aware the Scottish Government has now published revised guidance for ELC's. Essentially the key message is that most mitigations will remain in place for a further 6 weeks.

There are a few mitigations that have been removed or revised. These include:

- Contact groups or bubbles will no longer be required. This means that we can return to one large group in nursery.
- The approach of requiring whole groupings of children to self-isolate as close contacts will no longer be followed in normal circumstances.

For further information on the revised guidelines please visit <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-to-school>

In line with the revised guidelines we will be continuing with staggered drop off and pick up times, a reminder of your child's time slot will be sent via groupcall. By adhering to these times we can reduce the number of people in our school grounds at any one given time and support the requirement of physical distancing. A gentle reminder that face coverings should be worn at these times and only 1 adult should approach the nursery door with the child.

Staff members will be available each day to support you and your child with this transition time to make it a calm, safe and enjoyable experience.

## **Healthcare**

If your child has any healthcare needs or requires to take any medication whilst at nursery, please speak to a member of the team to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork. Children who are in their second year at nursery will need to have their healthcare plan updated and reviewed in the first few weeks of their return.



## Online Journals – new start children

Your child will be set up with an Online Journal which records their learning experiences in nursery, this will include observations and photographs. When the nursery team have set these up you will receive an email with information about to how log on and access this.

We value your voice and would appreciate if you could view and comment on these observations so that you and your child feel engaged with their profiles. Please contact the nursery team if you have any difficulties in logging on once you receive the email.



## Meatime Guidance

From August 2021, all children are entitled to a free meal as part of the expansion of early learning and childcare.

For **children attending full day or morning sessions**, they will receive a **cooked lunch, served between 11.15-11.45am. Children who attend in the afternoon will be provided with soup and sandwiches, which will be served between 2-3pm.** Please complete and return the permission slip to nursery to let us know if you wish your child to have a meal. If for any reason you do not wish your child to have a meal, please let a member of staff at the nursery know and provide a packed lunch for your child.

All children will also be offered a snack during the session, and all meals will be served with milk and water, following nutritional guidance.

Please ensure you have informed the nursery of any dietary requirements or allergies that your child has.

You may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch. If this is the case, please discuss this with a member of the staff team.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: ANAPHYLAXIS ALLERGY**

We have a child who has severe allergies. Therefore it is vitally important that your child DOES NOT bring in any of the following food types (in their bags, or without staff knowledge) which include the following ingredients: nuts, chocolate spread, peanut butter spreads, celery, sesame, banana, carrot, peas, lentils, wheat, yellow split peas and dairy. Please consult a member of staff if you have any concerns and we will be happy to discuss further. It is important to us that all of our children are safe and healthy in the Nursery and we appreciate your continued support.

<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk>

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<https://stniniansprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

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