



Grace Neighbourhood Nursery



Good bye to our Pre- Schoolers going to Reception.

Every year the Nursery organises a graduation ceremony in July for Children starting Reception in September. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 this year, we were unable to have a ceremony and a Leavers Trip to Wingham Park.

We wish all of our Children going to Reception, good luck and best wishes. I know you will continue to achieve in your next journey of learning and when things settle down, do come and say hello to us. We will miss those of you leaving the area and wish you all the best in your new setting.

I would also like to thank all our Parents/Carers as you have been a great support to the Nursery Staff and Leaders. We would not have been able to support your children without you. Thank you for all your time, help, contributions, suggestions, your thank you cards, gifts and also getting involved with activities in the Nursery.

We will send a link for children leaving the Nursery to download your photos from Tapestry this week. A reminder that we do offer wrap around care if your Children will be attending Boxgrove Primary School. We can drop your children in the morning or afternoon and pick them up after School till 6PM. Call us on 0208 310 0040 if you require this service and we will be happy to tell you how much it will cost.

We have spaces during the summer holiday if you need childcare and you can recommend us to any of your friends and family.

On behalf of all the Staff we wish you all the best and please take care during the summer break .

30 hours Eligibility

All Parents who qualify for 30 hours (for child/ren who turned 3 before 31 August 2021) must confirm on the Childcare choices website

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk by the **31st July** to get your 11 digit eligibility code (starts with 5000 or 11) for next term September 2021. You must give us your eligibility code for verification with the local authority and sign a Parental Declaration and agreement not later than **6th of August 2021**. For others who are already on the scheme, you will need to re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months and give us the eligibility code again for verification. You can also contact HMRC on 0300 123 4097 if you have any problems with getting a code.

You can use the [Childcare choices website](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to also apply for Tax - free Childcare if you don't pay fees with Childcare vouchers.

If this is your first time of applying for 30 hours, you have to inform us in writing before **31st of July** (info@gracenursery.co.uk) that you want to increase your hours as we may not have any vacancies or speak to the Manager if you have any other questions.

July 2021 End of Term

Dates for your Diary

Holidays

- ☉ 23/07/21 Summer Holidays for term time only
- ☉ 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September 2021. Training days. Nursery closed.
- ☉ 06/09/21 Autumn term. Nursery opens.
- ☉ W/C 25/10/21 Parents meeting arrange appointment with Key person.
- ☉ 25/10/21–29/10/21 Half term for term time only.
- ☉ 1/11/21 Nursery opens.
- ☉ 17/12/21 End of Autumn term for term time only.
- ☉ 24/12/21 Nursery closed 2pm.
- ☉ 24/12/21–05/01/22 Nursery closed.
- ☉ 05/01/22 Nursery opens.

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Updates for September 2021

An updated risk assessment in line with Government guidance will be sent to you before Nursery starts in September. Dates for the Autumn term are in this newsletter and for the academic year on the website. We were assessed last week for the Quality Mark Award, the report should get back to us next week and will feedback to you in the Autumn newsletter.

Training: The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has been updated and applies from September 2021. Staff will spend the training days in September looking at the new framework, Safeguarding and language/literacy outcomes for children. You can read about the new EYFS 2021 here: [Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97112/eyfs-2021.pdf)

Food

A reminder that you will have to provide a packed Lunch or pay monthly in advance if your child(ren) is 3 and over except for full time payers. Lunch money must be paid into the Bank account as we no longer take cash in the office. You will receive our food policy on packed lunches as soon as your Child is 3 by email which needs to be read together with the risk assessment. A paid lunch can be changed by giving 4 weeks notice. For further information please speak to someone in the office. I have attached a leaflet about eating food safely and preventing children from choking.

Sessions and updating personal details

Your agreed sessions or hours cannot be changed every week. Sessions can be changed if there is a space and must be done in writing 4 weeks before the required change. Always refer to your Parent handbook for more information. Let us know as soon as your address or phone number has changed. Call the Nursery on **0208 310 0040** or you can email info@gracenursery.co.uk

Travel during the holidays

You are advised to regularly check the website below for updates regarding travel and if you need to self isolate when you come back [Travel abroad from England during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/travel-advice).

The website also has a list of countries and territories with no self- isolation on arrival in England.

Finally



Enjoy the summer holidays, there are things you can do with your Children at home or outdoors like baking, cooking, going to the Park, reading stories, rhymes and singing to mention a few.

I have attached in this email Summer activities coming up from the **26th of July to the 24th of August** from the **East Children Centre** such as bumps to babies, swimming, messy stay and play, street dance and library visit to mention a few. Check the dates and phone to book as soon as you can.

The following links are helpful for ideas during the summer for your children and older siblings:

[101 things to do with kids in London - visitlondon.com](https://www.visitlondon.com)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

[The Maths Factor Summer adventure with Carol Vorderman](#)