



## Nursery Opening and Closing Hours over the Easter Period:

2nd April– Good Friday –open as normal

5th April Easter Monday– closed

## Dates for your Diaries

Easter Sunday– 4th April

Ramadan– 12th of April

Holi– festival of colour

Eid– May 12th-13th

World environment day– June 5th

International mud day– June 29th

## Parents evening

Parents evenings will take place on the:

27th of April—Under 2 section

28th of April– Toddler and Preschool sections

Parents evenings will be held remotely with the option of a teams meeting or a telephone call.

Your child's keyworker will discuss a time slot with you prior to the event.



## Staffing News

### **Welcome to:**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff member's to the City Team:

*Charlotte Holmes* who has joined us from the DVLA Nursery. Charlotte has worked for Schoolhouse for several years and we are delighted to have her join us at City as our deputy manager. We would like to say thank you to all staff and children for their help in helping Charlotte to settle. *'Together we enjoy learning, encourage confidence and love life'.*

Also a warm welcome to all our new children and their parents.

### **Farewell to:**

Caroline who has left us to start her maternity leave. We wish you the best of luck and we look forward to meeting the new arrival.

We would also like to say Goodbye to Mel we wish you the best of luck for the future.

### **Congratulations:**

Our staff team have recently completed the following **training courses:**

Schoolhouse bespoke Positive Behaviour Management  
Food Hygiene  
Mindfulness



## General reminders

We would like to thank parents for their support on ensuring the setting remains safe for children and staff. Please continue to:

- \*maintain a 2m distance when queuing to enter the nursery at the allocated points.
- \*Wear a mask when entering the setting.
- \*Wait until the foyer is vacant before entering.
- \*Monitoring children's health and keeping the nursery informed of any symptomatic people within your household.

**Famly app**– If parents need to change the permissions or allergy sections of their child on the Famly app please remember this must be submitted to the nursery in writing prior to the change.

### **Facebook**

Don't forget we have a Facebook page, please like share and engage with our posts we would love to hear from you.

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@schoolhouseD



## We get messy .....

We love to get messy! The children are embarking on a curious journey, which means uninterrupted child led play! The children are going to be using a variety of natural materials including mud, water and sand. We kindly ask that your child is not sent to nursery wearing anything you feel they are not able to get dirty or wet as we know the mud kitchen is a favourite at City!

Please can you make sure that you provide your child with some spare clothes that can be left in their bag whilst at nursery.

## Message from the manager ....

I would like to thank you all for your continued support during the Pandemic. Thankyou for placing your confidence and trust in us. We look forward to creating new and exciting memories over the next few months.

Vicky  
Nursery Manager

[www.schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk](http://www.schoolhouse-daycare.co.uk)



We have some very exciting news! Are you curious?  
We are to.....

At our setting we are passionate about early years, inspiring our little ones to be the 'thinkers & doers' of the future. We have embarked on an incredible new approach which inspires children through curiosity, awe and wonder. Through this approach, children learn through the use of authentic resources, recycled materials and loose parts. Our mindful passionate team will look to create amazing play spaces for children, where they have the opportunity to become inquisitive capable learners. You may have noticed we have been making a few changes from removing bright colours to a more neutral décor. We are moving away from traditional manufactured plastic toys, to resources that inspire curiosity. We are one of the first nurseries in the country to follow the 'curiosity approach'. You can visit their face book page if you are curious 'the curiosity approach'.



## What its all about.



1. Curiosity, Awe and Wonder– providing wonderful opportunities to learning and development
2. Passionate motivated staff, who are curious adults too. Dedicated to inspiring our incredible little learners.
3. Beautiful play spaces, which offer endless opportunities to learning and development.
4. The introduction of Authentic materials and loose parts, which teach children HOW to think not WHAT to THINK!
5. Calm, tranquil environment allowing children time and space to learn.
6. Creating thinkers and doers of the future. Preparing children for life.



## The Curiosity Approach™



At The Curiosity Approach, we use loose parts, a recycled materials, allowing children the opportunity to create their own garage. They become the designers in their own play. They position the ramp for the garage unrestricted by the constraints of manufactured plastic toy. The possibilities for imagination are endless.

*Creativity is intelligence having fun*

Albert Einstein

We have already started using natural materials within our play,





## Under 2's Section

The under 2's section is now supervised by Charlotte and she has had a lovely time getting to know all our beautiful babies. Charlotte will meet all parents over the coming weeks.

The under 2's have really enjoyed sensory tuff spots, we have gotten very messy using paints and sponges, we have splashed and danced in the water and touched the very cold ice!



## Toddler Section



The toddlers have really enjoyed exploring the new equipment in the garden. We have purchased a cosy house, mud kitchen equipment, and open ended resources in which the children can use for large scale construction. We are excited to share this with you all when we are able to have visitors again.



## Pre school section

Pre school have really enjoyed using natural materials within their play and their favourite resource at the moment is flowers! We have made flower perfume, put petals into our beautiful play dough creations and we have loved taking the time to smell them all. The pre schoolers are now busy growing up some of their own daffodils and spring flowers to take home.

The pre-schoolers have been practising mindfulness with Vicky and have really enjoyed their yoga sessions.

The staff have also had training on balanceability and Charlotte will be helping the children learn how to use the balance bikes. The children will receive a certificate after their session and I am sure they will all really enjoy it.



## Random act of kindness

This year we celebrated our very own heroes on Random act of kindness day! We asked the children who were their heroes and they drew some wonderful pictures. It is safe to say that everyone who received one of the children handmade gifts were touched. We are forever grateful for the hard work of the wonderful people around us. Thank you all.

