



Steady Steps Nursery and Pre-school

Autumn Term Newsletter 2021



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) reforms 2021:

'Steady Steps Nursery and Pre-school delivering an ambitious curriculum that brings learning to life'

In September we introduced a new approach to delivering our Early Years Curriculum and how we record observations and assessments of children in our care. These changes were in response to the reforms of the Statutory EYFS and have enabled us to plan a curriculum that is tailored to each child, taking account of their interests, emotional literacy, disposition to learning and stage of physical development; all key elements in the successful progression of young children.

Our approach also emphasises the importance of and allows for more time for quality interactions and teaching, this was only achievable by reducing the amount of paperwork each member of staff was expected to complete for each child.

We are in the process of producing a Parent/Carer leaflet to explain Steady Steps Early Years Curriculum, this will be sent out towards the end of term. In the meantime, if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning, development and or care needs please arrange to see Julie Pickthall or your child's Key Person.

Fees:

You will receive your invoice via email, during the second week of each month. If you are expecting an invoice and do not receive it by the beginning of the third week, please let Julie or your key person know, please do not leave it until the beginning of the next month as it delays the next wave of invoices being published. Thank you

A paper copy is available on request.

School Photographer:

The school photographer will be in on Thursday 25th November at 13:15. If you would like an individual photograph of your child (it can be Christmas themed) please let your child's Key Person know and you will be offered a time slot.



Covid-19 Measures of mitigation and control:

A detailed document explaining our measures of control are available via your Tapestry account. This document is reviewed as and when deemed necessary in response to local and or Government guidance. We also have to make changes in response to what is happening in our setting and the number of positive cases being reported. We need to all work together and take a collective responsibility to ensure our setting remains open, this may mean making the difficult and sometimes disruptive decision to keep a child or staff member at home for a period of time. I cannot emphasise the importance of keeping your child at home if they are unwell, as we are experiencing in the Nursery this week, children who have been in lock down have not built up a natural immunity to everyday childhood illnesses and are readily contracting them from each other. This is despite our strict hygiene procedures; the enhanced cleaning regimes being carried out by staff during the day and the fantastic job our end of day cleaner carries out.

30-hour Funding Code:

Please remember to update your code as soon as you receive your reminder to do so. If you do not renew your code for 30 hours by 1st January, I will not be able to use it for the spring term and you will be liable for any fees over 15 hours.

Childcare
Choices



Outdoor Play

The weather is turning colder please can you name your children's scarves, gloves, hats and welly boots. Whilst most children recognise their own clothes it can be difficult to match them up, especially when several children have the same items.



Dates for your Diary:

Road Safety Week: 15th – 21st November

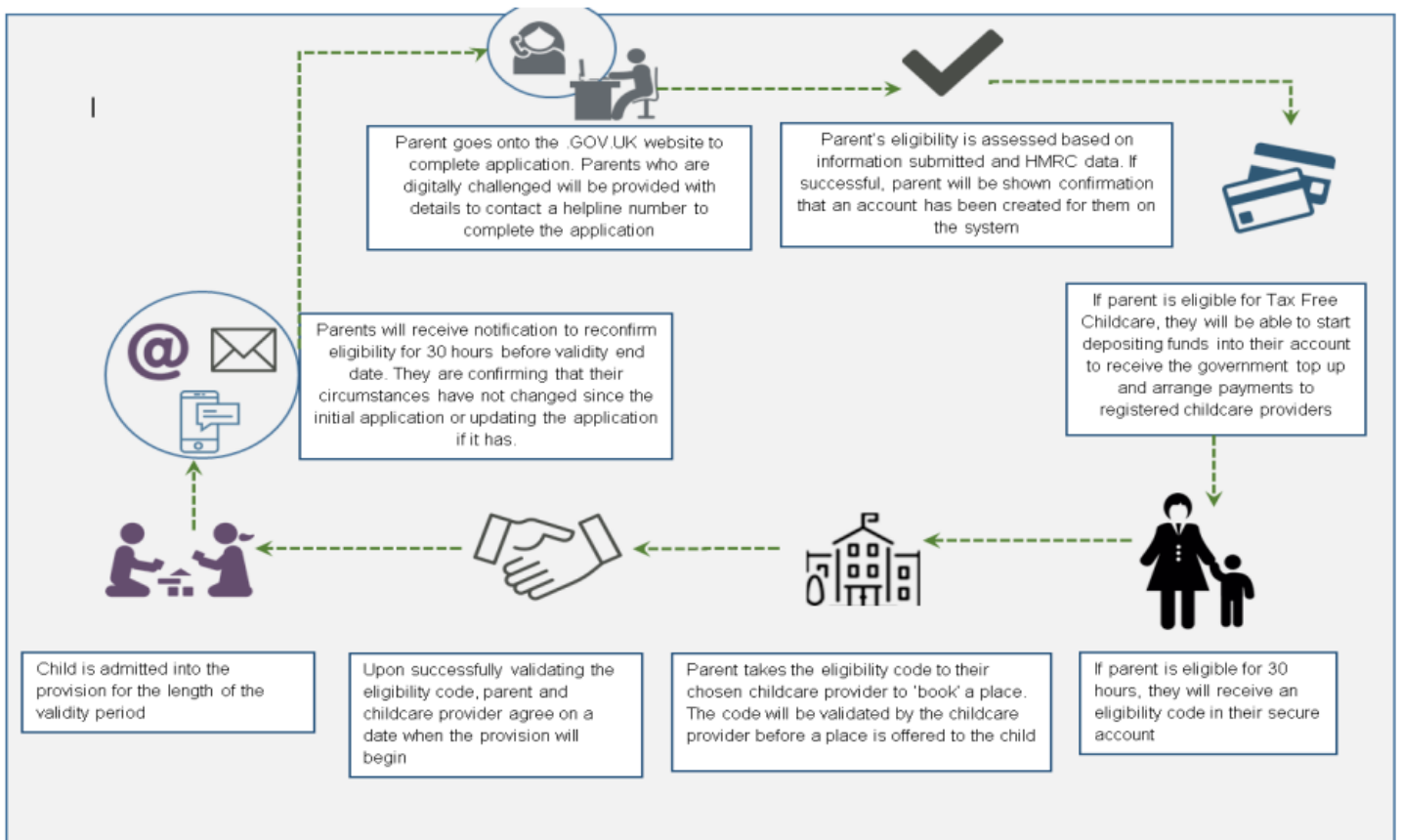
Individual Photograph session: Thursday 25th November, time slots from 1315

End of Term: Thursday 16th December at 1520

Christmas Party Day: 17th December, details to follow

Spring term: Tuesday 4th January at 0730 breakfast club, 0850 Nursery and Pre school

Parent Journey – 30 Hours Childcare and Tax-Free Childcare



<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/ParentJourney30HoursChildcareandTax-FreeChildcareFlowChart.pdf>