



West Barns Nursery - August 2021/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing first and foremost to share that we are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child to West Barns Nursery in August and to share details of our move to 1140 hours in August.

Transitions and changes are part of everyone's life. They are the moves that children and young people make from home to an Early Learning and Childcare (ELCC) setting, from there to primary, from stage to stage, from primary to secondary school and beyond. (*Education Scotland*)

I hope that this overview of our Nursery plans for August is helpful and informative. We are developing a Nursery Transition page on our school website where we will continue to share all resources and updates over the coming weeks.

<https://www.edubuzz.org/westbarns/>

Our Nursery Day

The Nursery team would like to thank parents of our current ante-preschool children for their feedback on our proposed hours for August, which are as follows:

Monday to Thursday 8.45am - 3.15pm

Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm

In response to guidance related to covid-19 and with a priority for getting it right for every child we will operate a soft start to our day and have flexibility in pick up times.

Drop off window - 8.45am - 9am (Friday 8.30 - 9am)

After lunch pick up - 12.45pm - 1pm

End of the day pick up - 2.45pm - 3.15pm (Friday 12pm - 12.30)

Snack

All children will be offered a snack mid-morning for which there is no cost to parents. Children will be invited to choose snack options to order on a weekly basis.

Lunches

Nursery children will have lunch from 12pm in the school hall. Lunches are free for all nursery children and parents and families can order lunches online using our School Pay system or can provide packed lunches from home.

Families with pre-school children already have School Pay accounts and will be able to use their current log in details to order lunches. Families with ante-preschool children will be contacted on our August In-service days with a guide for setting up School Pay accounts and log in details.

1140 Planning

Currently our ante-preschool children are involved in developing new nursery routines to reflect the extension of our hours. We are supporting children to develop other life skills such as carrying a plate of food on a tray.

Staff

Miss Bell, our Senior Early Years Practitioner, and Mrs Munro, one of our Early Years Practitioners, are looking forward to getting to know your child and supporting them with their learning at nursery. In August three further Early Years Practitioners and an Early Years Support Worker will join the setting. We hope to share an update of our staffing before the Summer.

Building Relationships

Miss Bell and Mrs Munro will be in touch before the end of June to introduce themselves and to start getting to know your child. To support transition into our nursery they will also discuss initial visit dates for August and how we will support you and your child in settling in the nursery.

In June we will post welcome packs and a link to a virtual tour of the nursery. These resources will also detail drop off and pick up procedures which are in line with current covid-19 related guidance from Scottish Government.

Should you have any questions or queries related to our 1140 model or general questions around starting nursery please contact the school or alternatively share your questions with Mrs Bell or Mrs Munro when they phone in June.

Kind regards,

Laura Hay

Acting Head Teacher