

We hope you have had a fantastic summer! We welcome back our existing children and their families and welcome many new children and families to our community Preschool. We look forward to getting to know you all!

Dates for your Diary

23rd October - Non pupil Day

26th October - 2nd November (Inclusive) - Half Term

18th December - Christmas party day - more details to follow - Preschool will close at 1 for all children, followed by the party (for child and parent)

21st December - 4th January (Inclusive) - Christmas Holidays

The Team



Nicola	Rem	Angela	Anna	Claire	Karen	Katie	Louise	Sibel	Jane
Manager Level 3	Deputy Manager Level 2	Practitioner & Admin Level 3	Practitioner Level 2	Practitioner Level 3	Practitioner Level 3	Practitioner Unqualified	Practitioner Unqualified	Practitioner Level 2	Bank Staff Level 3

Policies & Website

Preschool website - www.doddinghurstpreschool.co.uk. - Policies are in the process of being updated

Sickness & Absence Reporting

If your child is **absent** for any reason - sickness, holiday, day out, please **inform us via Nursery in a Box**. As part of our safeguarding policy and to be in line with schools, we need to record a reason for your absence on the day (or before), so it's imperative that you let us as soon as possible or we will have to contact you or emergency contacts after 11am.

Children's coats, bottles, bags and footwear - Please and Thank you!

All coats or cardigans be **NAMED**

ALL CHILDREN -NAMED BAG with nappies and wipes if required, a change of clothes to include socks, pants/knickers, tops and trousers.

ALL CHILDREN - NAMED water bottle

We also request that **shoes are suitable** for the weather, running in the garden and on an uneven surface.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information please contact - chair@dhcps.co.uk or speak to Nicola

Comforters/toys

We request -

No random toys please - especially if they are small

Children to share something at circle time - please name these - ie photo, medal, something relative to our planning, something which is a special interest

Comforters are welcome and will be placed in your child's bag until needed

Lunches - Reminders

GRAPES NEED TO BE CUT INTO QUARTERS

LARGE ROUND FRUITS (ie Blueberries) NEED TO BE CUT IN HALF, LONGWAYS.

FOODS TO AVOID

NO CHOCOLATE (HIGH SUGAR CONTENT) - This include Mini Eggs (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO SWEETS (HIGH SUGAR CONTENT)

NO POPCORN (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO RAW CARROT (CHOKING HAZARD)

NO RAW SHELLFISH (FOOD POISONING)

NO NUTS (ALLERGY) OR SEEDS

NO FRUIT SHOOTS

Food that is placed in lunchboxes that are part of the 'Food to avoid' will be returned uneaten.

We will allow crisps (or equivalent, ie mini cheddars)



Planning



This term, during our focus activities we will be concentrating on all areas of learning and activities which will include 'All about me', Rosh Hashanah, Recycling, Great British Beach Clean, World Space Week, Global Handwashing Day, Mental Health Day, Colours, Numbers, Counting. This will involve chatting with the children about their Summer Break and about their families and really getting to know the children in order to support them settling (back) in, taking part in various activities involving recycling and why it's important, having fun with space in our role play and small world area, going on a shape hunt, taking part in a colour scavenger hunt, sorting and counting and discussing feelings. This list is not exhaustive but a few examples of some fun we will be having. What a busy term!

Alongside the above we will also be taking part in other activities linked to the EYFS through Story of the week (eg Hungry Caterpillar, Going on a Bear Hunt), Craft, Construction, Playing with small world, maths area, circle time, outdoor play, home corner, free play, to name a few.

General Reminders

Our doors open at 9, please aim to arrive as close to this as possible. We start our morning circle shortly after and children arriving late miss out on this fantastic opportunity to learn our routine, get to be involved in group discussion, learn about days of the week, the weather and seasons. Children arriving late also take a member of staff away from activities with the children. It can also be disruptive to both your own child and children within the setting.

Arriving on time is a good opportunity to support your child be school ready.

Please can you also ensure that children don't arrive eating, we promote children sitting to eat as this could be a choking hazard and as we follow our safer eating policy we need to minimise risks.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents Support - Pretty Please!!

If you are having a sort out we will gratefully take these off your hands - craft items, paper, paper plates, paper cups, ribbon, pipe cleaners, masking tape, natural resources (wooden bowls, wooden spoons, small baskets) pencils, pens, stickers, chinks. If you have anything else, please contact us to ask as donations are often welcome!

If any parents have a profession and are willing to come in and play (act)/show/explain/demonstrate we would be grateful. As part of the curriculum (Understanding the world) we support children in understanding different professions (ie Dentist, Hairdresser, Shop Assistant, Fire Fighter, Police Officer), and ways of life, so if you also have a special celebration you would like to share, **please get in touch!**

Books to Home Library

As you know we have introduced a home library in the setting which is very popular. The children take time and pride choosing the book to read at home with you. Preschool children can learn so much from these frequent, short interactions. We ask you to keep the book at home for a week before changing it as reading the same book repeatedly helps children learn language, anticipate what comes next and start to understand the comprehension. The children can have fun making up their own stories and thinking of different endings, the opportunities with books is endless!

Parent Readers

We would love it if any parents or grandparents would like to visit the setting and read to a small group of children, either a morning or afternoon. This sounds scarier than it is! You can choose any book you are comfortable with, or choose one of ours. Children enjoy listening to stories read by different people as everyone offers something different.

Small group sessions

The children will be taking part in some small group sessions, in addition to our usual adult led activities, these sessions are short and geared to children's individual abilities, these could include some fun activities for colour recognition, counting, shape recognition, scissor control, sharing, confidence boosting, listening skills or language focused play. We will be introducing some school ready sessions in January for those children who will be starting school in September 2027.

Invoicing

Invoices are issued, around the 20th of each month, with payment date of the 1st of the following month (unless specified on the invoice).

We only accept online payments - Sort code - 60 19 09, Account Number 96626887.

Fees are currently under review following an increase in costs, including the village hall, if there is to be any increase, we will inform you with a notice period, but we will aim to keep any changes to a minimum.

Financial Support

If you are having difficulties paying your fees, or any other payments related to the preschool, then please speak to Angela.

Contact Details

Please ensure you have our phone number in your contact list - 07523 291553.

The email address for any queries or invoice questions is admin@dhcps.co.uk. You can also use the message system via Nursery in a box.

Useful Websites

- <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> - Information regarding safer sleeping
- <https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/> - Support and services for all children
- <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/> - Support and Information regarding speech & language development
- <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/> - Advice and support for your child's development
- <http://www.snapcharity.org/> - Support for families with children who have special needs
- <https://send.essex.gov.uk/> - Essex SEND local offer - find help available in your area



HMG PRIVATE TUTORING



KS1 SATs Preparation



Phonics Support



KS2 SATs Preparation



Reading & Comprehension Skills



English & Maths



Homework Support



I am a Specialist Primary Tutor with 20 years of teaching & deputy head experience with a full DBS check.

I provide supportive, personalised one-to-one tuition to help children reach their full potential.

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Individual 1:1 Tuition



Personalised Learning Plans



Lessons Tailored to Your Child's Needs



Confidence Building & Positive Encouragement



A Friendly, Supportive Learning Environment