



Uryside School Nursery

Term 1 – August/September 2019

I would just like to start by welcoming all our new and returning children, parents and carers back after what I hope was a wonderful holiday.

Staff

As most of you know I (Miss McCouaig) am expecting a baby towards the end of the year. I am delighted to announce that Ms Merchant has been successful in securing the job as Acting Early Years Lead Practitioner and will be stepping up in my absence when the time comes. Mrs McCann and Mrs Stevenson are still with us as Early Years Practitioners and are extremely keen to get stuck in to the new school year. Mrs Jamieson is also starting the year off at Uryside Nursery on a 10 hour supply basis as Mrs Robinson sadly resigned her post during the holidays. We wish her all the best in her new role as a granny to her first grandchild. We will have a student from Inverurie Academy joining us on a Friday afternoon who we are very excited to meet.

Nursery Drop off/ Pick up

Uryside Nursery opens from 8.30am until 11.40am and again from 12.20pm until 3.30pm. We have a 15 minute drop off and pick up period in order to allow the session to being. The Nursery door will be locked from 8.45am until 11.25am and again 12.35 until 3.15pm. Any late drop off/pick ups must make their way to the school office to sign in.

Snack fees and payments

Snack fees have been calculated yearly and can be found in your child's tray. Snack fees can either be paid termly or yearly which ever you prefer. Payments can either be made by cash or cheque to Uryside School Fund. Please hand in all snack fees to a member of the nursery staff. Thank you.

Care Plans & Permissions

To ensure that we are getting it right for your child at nursery it is extremely important that you complete the personal plan thoroughly and return it to a member of staff. All our new boys and girls received both their personal plans and permissions in the welcome pack handed out at the visit last term or via post. Please could you make sure

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 19th August
Tuesday 20th August

In-Service Day
School Closed to children

Wednesday 21st August
Start of Term

Tuesday 3rd September
Tuesday 10th September
Tuesday 24th September
Parent Reading Workshop
9.00am – 10.00am

Week of:
Monday 9th September
Face to Face cross-over
(appointments only – personal
plan concerns)

Thursday 10th October
End of Term

Friday 11th October
In-Service Day
School closed to children

Monday 28th October
Term Starts.

you return these by the end of the week if you have not done so already. All our returning children already have a personal plan completed, however, it is time to review and amend if necessary. These personal plans will be placed in your child's tray for you to read over, update and return no later than Friday 6th September.

For any returning parents/carers who may wish to discuss the information contained in their child's care plan there will be 'face to face' appointments available the week of Monday 9th September. Please see a member of staff to book an appointment.

All new parents/carers will receive an appointment slip in their child's tray to discuss these plans further or any other concerns you may have. Again these appointments are for the week of Monday 9th September.

Parent Involvement

At Uryside Nursery we feel that it is extremely important to involve parents/carers in what we do. We are looking for parents and carers who are interested in the following areas to join us within the setting:

Story time	Gym time
Baking	DIY – developing our garden
Gardening	Nursery Events

If you are interested in joining us to develop our learning, please complete one of the forms available in the cloakroom and return it to a member of staff; we can then arrange a suitable time for you to come in.

We would love for you to share your hopes and dreams for your child over the next year. Located in the corner of our cloakroom is our new hopes and dreams tree. Please pop them down on one of the tags provided and tie it onto our tree.

Reading at home

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. On a Tuesday, from now until the end of term 1, we will be introducing 'Library Day'. This is where your child can take a book home from nursery to enjoy reading with the family and return the following week. When dropping your child off on a Tuesday please enter the nursery and select a book together.

'Library day' will change each term to ensure that all children at Uryside Nursery receive this opportunity throughout the year.

Not only do we encourage reading at home for the children of Uryside Nursery but also the parents. We are keen to start a book/magazine swap but need your help to do so. The aim would be to have a selection of books and magazines for all ages on offer for you to take away, read and return when finished.

Question of the month

Also located in our cloakroom under the 'Parents Notice Board' is our question of the month. We would love to hear your views about different aspects of the nursery. We've kept it nice and quick for all the working mums and dads, all you have to do is read the question and pop a gem in either of the white jars.

This month's question:

Do you feel your child has settled well into Uryside Nursery either for the first time or as a returning child?

Please note; all our nursery newsletters will be uploaded onto the Uryside School website which I have linked below as well as displayed on the notice board. If you do not have access to the online newsletter and wish to have a copy please see a member of staff.

<http://uryside.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/nursery/>

Many Thanks
Miss McCouaig and the Nursery Team.