

Dear Families

Hello! We hope that you have all been enjoying your Summer holidays so far! Before the new term begins on **Monday 4th September**, we would like to welcome the new families and children who are joining us this term and provide a few pieces of extra information to help everyone settle into life at the Kindergarten.

We open at 8am and close at 4pm. The day is split into two sessions; the morning session runs from 8am-1pm, and includes morning snack and lunch time at 12. The afternoon session runs from 1-4pm and includes afternoon snack.

A typical day at the Kindergarten involves free flow play, both inside and outside, as well as more structured activities such as Boogie Mites or group time. We also love trips to the woods and around the local environment and these walks are often spontaneous, so please do pack boots and coats accordingly, weather dependant!

Please make sure to pack at least one full **spare change of clothes** for your child, pants and socks included, as even if your child is fully toilet trained, outside water or mud play may result in clothes getting messy and a change being needed. If your child is still in nappies, we ask that you please provide nappies, wipes, cream etc. in their nursery bags, thank you.

Keep an eye on '**Tapestry**', as every week we send out a 'weekly update', with information on what we have all been up to, as well as important information and reminders about the coming week. It's the best way to stay in the loop, and we love to see comments and discussion from parents on Tapestry too!

When the Kindergarten re-opens in September, our theme for the week will be '**All about Me**', so that we can learn all about the children and what they have been up to over the summer and what they are interested in. We will be giving you regular updates on how they are settling in.



Please be sure to **label all of your child's possessions**, such as water bottles, boots, sunhats, clothes, lunchboxes, etc. clearly with their name, in order to help us avoid confusion, and to hopefully stop things from becoming lost.

Children are welcome to bring in small toys from home to help them settle if needed, but do so at their own risk. Check the 'home box' on the main registration table regularly if you are missing anything, as lost things usually find their way sooner or later!

In order to **minimize potential choking risk**, please can we ask that you slice your child's grapes, mini sausages, baby tomatoes etc. lengthways (not widthways), if they bring any in in their lunchbox. Also, please remember to avoid products with nuts when packing lunchboxes, as we have allergies and are a nut-free setting.

To **ease traffic congestion** and in consideration of our neighbours, we use a one-way system when travelling to and from the Kindergarten, exiting via the side road and car park around the back of The Hiltonbury Farmhouse.

Please also be sure to always **reverse park** and to remain vigilant at all times for children on the road, thank you. More information about the one-way system can be found on the door of the Kindergarten.

We are all looking forward to starting the new school year together, and hope that you are too! See you all in September!

Kind regards

The Kindergarten Team

