



Newsletter October 2020

Thank you

As you know at the moment Little Explorers is continuing to follow the government guidance for Covid-19. This has meant we have had to make some quite significant changes to the setting, the main one of these being that parents are still unable to come in to the setting. This can indeed be difficult for us all especially as we are now seeing the weather start to change however this can unfortunately not be changed as it is an important part in our infection control. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in this and reassure you that a staff member will be with you ASAP once you have pressed the call button through to the room.

Fruit Bar

Please remember that the Foundation Stage room offers a fruit bar to all of the children during snack time. In order for us to continue doing this we ask that each Foundation Stage parent/carer donates some fruit each week. This fruit will be chopped up and the children will take it in turns each day to serve this to their friends.



Parent Guidance

On the 28th September we emailed out an updated Coronavirus letter, please take your time to read this as it sets out many different points. We will continue to review this often updating it where needed to include the most recent government guidelines. Some of the important points where;

- The symptoms of coronavirus.
- Advice for self-isolation and testing.
- It set out the procedure we would take if a child/adult was to contract coronavirus/show signs and symptoms of this whilst at the setting.



Open Door Policy

Please be reminded that although we are not currently having parents in the setting we still have an 'open door' policy. This means that if you would like to speak to your child's keyperson, a member of the senior leadership team or Harriet please do not hesitate to get in to contact with us. We are all contactable through email, phone calls and virtual meetings so please get in contact if you would like to speak to our staff.

Medication Forms

We have now introduced a process to support both children and their parents with medical/medication needs. If your child has a medical need please let us know and we will send you our new forms.

Wish List

If you have any of the following, we would appreciate any donations to improve our outside area;

Paint, varnish, plants, pots, compost, wooden planters, bedding plants, shrubs and large stones



Staff Information

On our newsletters each month we will be sharing with you a staff profile created by the staff themselves. This will hopefully mean that you are able to get to know all of our staff members a bit more including their qualifications and learning history.





NHS Sickness

Please note that we are unable to care for children who are unwell due to our duty of care in safeguarding all children and our infection control policy.

Additionally, please be reminded that children who have had sickness and/or diarrhoea must be kept away from the setting for 48 hours after the last episode.

For children who have been prescribed antibiotics we require that they are kept home for 48 hours before they return to the setting (if well enough).

If your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of coronavirus, please keep your child at home and get a test. If this comes back negative when your child is well enough they can return to the setting.

Dates for your diary



October Holiday Club

Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2020

End of Autumn Term 2

We have now had confirmation that the last day Little Explorers will be providing childcare in December is Friday 18th. We will then break up for the Christmas holidays and return on January 4th 2021.

Website permission

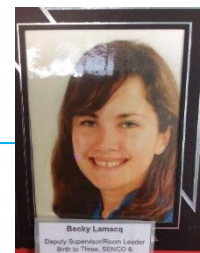
Some parents have not yet returned the Website permission letters. If you cannot edit the letter we emailed to you please just email in confirming whether or not we have permission to use your child's photo on our website. We have some lovely pictures of the children and cannot wait to get some on the website.

Cardwell & Simons

Please return any Cardwell & Simons photo requirements to Harriet by 20th October.

Contract and Registration Details

Please could you complete and return the Parent / Carer Contract + Family Registration Form your child brought home recently if you haven't done so already (thank you to those that have). This ensures we keep the most current information on file for your family.



Staff All About Me

Name: Becky Lamacq

Job Role: Shalfleet Little Explorers Birth to Three Room Leader & Deputy supervisor and SENCO

Becky first joined Shalfleet Little Explorers in July 2003 and celebrated 17 years in July. When she started she was undertaking a Degree in Early Years Care and Education (Level 6) at Portsmouth University. After Becky finished the degree she went on to complete and achieve Early Years Professional Status and became Birth to Three room leader and Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) for the setting. As part of Becky's role as Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator she works closely with children, and in partnership with parents/carers, and professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists, Early Years SEN Support Service and Occupational Therapists, to support children's development. Becky has completed various specialist training related to her roles, for example Early Language Development Programme, Being Attached, Inclusive Practice in Early Years Settings and Sensory Integration Training.

Recent courses completed; The SEN Code of Practice, Administration of Medicines, Equality and Diversity, Mental Wellbeing in Children and Young People, Safeguarding, Prevent, FGM, Child Exploitation, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and First Aid Essentials.