**Hyde n’ Seek Nursery August 2023**

Hi everyone,

Hyde n Seek would like to welcome all the new children who have started with us this month.

As part of our improvement plan, we will be working more on family engagement.

Our staff and management team are open to suggestions. Please bring them forward as we would like to have parents more involved.

**Our rooms and staff team:**

**0-2 room**-can hold up to 18 babies, the ratio is 1:3. Baby room team: Susan Speirs (depute manager), Emily O’Connor (qualified practitioner), Leigh McLeod (qualified practitioner), Ava Miller (trainee practitioner), Shelby MacDonald (trainee practitioner).

**2-3 room**-can hold up to 20 children, the ratio is 1:5. Toddler team: Nicole Sommerville (room senior); Megan Docherty (qualified practitioner), Nicole Campbell (qualified practitioner), Bryony McFarlane (trainee practitioner).

**3-5 room**- can hold up to 40 children, the ratio is 1:8. Preschool team: Ashleigh Hogg (room senior), Joy Holding (qualified practitioner), Emma Harley (qualified practitioner), Jade Roberton (qualified practitioner), Derri Lever (trainee practitioner).

**New term-** we have now started a new term, our staff team will start with planning, however we are going to reduce this to only 3 observations per month for children attending full time and 2 observations for children attending one or two days.

**Snacks/Toys/Bottles-** Can you kindly refrain from bringing:

-snacks or anything containing nuts as we have a few children with severe allergies.

-water bottles due to infection control purposes. We always have water or milk available for the children throughout the day.

-toys, unfortunately we can’t be responsible for the safety of these toys, it also discourages the children from sharing their personal toys.

**Swapping days/Extra days/ Dropping sessions** - Unfortunately, at the moment we can’t assure families we can offer extra days or the opportunity to swap sessions. Can we please reiterate that if you need to drop sessions you need to give the management team four weeks written or verbal notice.

**Finance**- All finance queries must be directed to head office. [donnasimpson@hydenseeknurseries.co.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CBellshill%5CDesktop%5Cdonnasimpson%40hydenseeknurseries.co.uk)

**Bank holidays-**25th September, 25th/26th December 2023

Sickness Policy-We are unable to provide care for children who are unwell, have high temperature, sickness and/or diarrhea, or who have an infection disease. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency’s Guidance on Infection Control in schools or other childcare settings.

We therefore ask the parents to be aware that their child may be asked to leave the nursery for the period of time it takes for the child to make a full recovery.

Our nursery adopts a 48-hour rule for sickness and diarrhea. This means that babies, children and staff cannot return to nursery until 48-hours after their final episode of sickness or diarrhea.

**Baby room**- we would like to welcome all the children starting this month. We look forward to working alongside both parents and the children.

Can you please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag and that they have clothes for outdoors as we go outdoors in all weathers. (Wet suits, wellies)

Can all children’s items please be labels, especially baby bottles as we have lots of children with the same type and colour of bottles.

This month the babies will be taking part in experiences based on their needs and under the sea interests.

**2-3 Room**- This month the children will focus on road safety.

The children will also be exploring lots of messy/water play indoor and outdoor.

Can all parents double check children’s bags to ensure no nuts products or items not suitable for children are in your child bag.

**3-5 Room**- We are very excited to begin our new term and we would like to wish our Boys and girls who have recently graduated a big good luck for school.

This month we will be continuing to plan and facilitate each child’s individual need and interest.

Our literacy Tracking will focus on the children’s communication and language skills.

Our numeracy tracking will focus on number sequences.

We will be continuing to develop and enhance our learning environment and are looking for the following items If anyone has some they no longer require - a working CD player, this will allow us to continue to introduce technology into the playroom for the children to use. Loose parts such as corks, acorns, shells and sticks.

Can we ask that all children are dressed appropriately for the changing weathers, this includes wet suits, wellies, suncream and sun hats as our children are outdoors in all weathers. We would also recommend spare clothes.