



September News...

A big welcome!!!! Welcome back....it seems like a long time, but we can't wait to see our returning children again and meet our new starters. We are looking forward to having lots of fun at nursery and we hope you are too! Here is some important information for parents and carers.

Things to do this week...

- Join our **Facebook parents' page** where we will share important information regularly ("Childhaven Nursery Parents' Page")
- Make sure we have an up to date **email address** for you (send new information in to us on admin@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- **Name** all your child's uniform /clothing
- Set up your **parent app** and upload some pictures for us to look at with your child at nursery (www.eexat.com)

Uniform

Uniform with the nursery logo is now available from 'Yorbrand' (just near Aldi) to order. They are able to provide polo tops, jumpers, cardigans and also fleece jackets and coats. Please remember that uniform is entirely optional. Nursery colours are red and navy.

Keeping everyone safe.....

- We have been working hard behind the scenes to make everything as safe as possible
- Please bear with us as updated guidance for us is often very last minute! We will respond to everything as quickly as we can
- We are operating two 'bubbles' within nursery, each with separate entrances (please see your letter if you are unsure which entrance you are going to, or give us a ring)
- Our full risk assessment will be available on our website once finalized
- We will have enhanced cleaning and handwashing procedures in place
- We will be maximizing the use of outdoor spaces every day, whatever the weather
- We ask you to help us by not gathering at school entrances and observing social distancing whilst waiting
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to nursery if they are unwell.
- If anyone in your house shows any symptoms of COVID-19, please book a test (see below)

LUNCHTIMES

- We are picnic lunching as much as possible in the fresh air!
- Please ensure your child's pack up is easy to eat picnic style!
- We are currently unable to heat any food
- Please opt for tube yoghurts / squeeze yoghurts rather than pots
- Please name lunchboxes and drinks bottles
- In line with promoting dental health of the children, please only provide water or milk as a drink
- We are a **NUT FREE** nursery. Any products that contain nuts will be returned to you

KATHY'S FUN MUSIC

Under strict new guidelines, we are very pleased to be able to provide these popular music sessions by our visiting specialist music teacher, Kathy Seabrook. These will take place on alternate **Wednesdays; morning one week and afternoon the next. They will start on Wednesday 24th September in the afternoon.** If you would like to enquire about spaces on a Wednesday so that your child will be able to access a music session, please telephone or email and speak to Donna.

What to bring to nursery

- A named bag containing spare clothes / nappies / wipes
- A named lunch box if you are staying for lunch
- A warm waterproof coat – very important as we will be outside a lot!
- A big smile!

Things to do at home...

We will be focusing on fun and laughter at nursery and ensuring that children are settled and comfortable here after such a strange experience that they have all had.

We will send you photographs regularly using our parent app

Please talk positively about things that your child has been doing and make time to look at photographs together and for your child to talk. Please send pictures into us too. This really helps with transition.

Although your key person will be tucked away inside nursery, they will be doing everything they can to ensure your child feels happy and secure. If you would like to speak to them, please telephone and we can arrange this at any time.

NHS track and trace

We have a duty as a school to ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- book a test (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>) if they or their child are displaying symptoms.
- Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
- All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- self-isolate (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

