



**The Duckling Nursery Ltd**  
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## **Newsletter 2021/B**

### **Duckling nursery update**

During the last four weeks we have welcomed back many children and will continue to remain open for all Duckling children. We would love to have more children join us in the coming weeks and please don't hesitate in contacting me should you require any advice or further information regarding this. We heard from the Prime Minister last week that there is a plan for schools to be fully reopened from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March provided that the scientific data supports this. I am sure that all parents, teachers and everyone involved in education will be incredibly relieved and pleased when that day comes. We understand that school closures are challenging for everyone and what pressures and changes they are having on families. We can only stay positive and hope that we will beat this virus and we will see all children returning to schools and early years settings and a more normal life will resume sooner rather than later. I think we all have to take a step back and reflect on what a wonderful job we are all doing. Being kind and caring for each other is something we think about and do continually but please don't forget that we also need to be kind and caring to ourselves too.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of my Duckling staff. They spend their hours playing, teaching, providing personal care, cuddling, comforting and laughing, making each little Duckling feel happy and safe. As well as this they clean, sweep, mop, and sterilize once and then they do it again and then again and then again all day every day. Thank you for the 100% commitment and dedication you give to all the children at Ducklings. Please be reassured that we will continue to follow all government guidelines and I will keep you updated with any further information as soon as I receive it. If you are not attending Ducklings at this time these updates will be posted on the Duckling Website.

We will continue with a one-way system in and out of nursery, 2 metre social distancing, only one family in the cloakroom at a time and masks must be worn at all times on the school premises. The nursery will be open from 7.30 for breakfast and the last collection time will be 4.30 rather than the later time of 5.30. We currently are not offering hot lunches and I envisage this service will not resume until the summer term. Keeping our children, families and staff safe and well is paramount at this time and I thank you all for your continued support and care.

### **Yoga**

We have been practicing children's yoga at Ducklings for some time now and have found it a real favourite with the children. As well as using yoga books and cards the children have been watching and following *COSMIC YOGA*. They really are getting very good at the poses. This can be found on you tube and there are many different yoga sessions available. During this unprecedented time when most children are spending more time at home we thought it might be something families would enjoy doing together. We would love to see your photos of family yoga sessions.

### **Friends of Ducklings**

As we have not been able to hold any fund raising events during the last year we are going ahead with a grand spring/Easter raffle. We have some prizes, however if you can donate anything, offer a skill, or are able to resource vouchers of any kind please let me know?

Attached to this letter are five strips of tickets and we would love you to help your child sell these to families and friends. We realise that this may not be quite as easy as in normal circumstances and we really appreciate your support with this. Tickets cost £1 per strip of five tickets and more are available if requested. Please can you return one copy of each strip sold clearly marked on the reverse side with a name and contact number no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn the following week when I will contact our lucky winners. For those parents receiving this letter through the post I have included a stamped addressed envelope for your sold tickets. With your help we can hopefully sell lots and lots of tickets.

**Mrs Homer**

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