



# GREENHAW NURSERY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 2024



The staff would like to welcome all parents, carers and children and wish them a very happy year in Greenhaw nursery unit!

This is a very important year for you and your child and we are delighted to share it with you. September is a very busy time for staff and parents as we try to settle the children into all the routines of our nursery. During the “settling in” period we bring the children into nursery in small groups and gradually build up to a full session. This ensures a positive start to nursery for your child. We appreciate your support in working with us to ensure your little one feels happy and safe in their new school environment, as it is only then that they can begin to learn. We are confident that your child will settle well and we anticipate a very enjoyable year with your child, with so much learning to take place!

Each month you will receive a newsletter which will inform you about important things happening in the nursery, along with aspects of the nursery curriculum events, visitors etc.

### **Meet the staff:**

#### Mrs Molloy’s classroom (Nursery one)

Mrs Molloy– Teacher. Early Years and PDMU co-ordinator within the school. **Child Protection designated teacher** in the nursery.

Miss McCaul– Nursery assistant

Miss Hegarty– Special Educational Needs assistant

#### Miss McCallion’s classroom (Nursery two)

Miss McCallion- Teacher

Mrs. McGonagle– Nursery assistant

### **Settling in phase:**

All parents/carers have been given the time table for our starting and finishing times for the whole month of September.

It is very important that you use the gate facing onto the Racecourse Road when dropping off and collecting your child each day.

Please note, that during the settling in period, the nursery gates will open at 8.45am and then at various other times during the morning. **It is very important that you wait for one of the nursery staff to open the gate (as there may be other classes playing in the playground during this time).**

Please bring your child down the path and into the nursery outdoor area where the class teacher will greet you and direct you and your child into the nursery. Please encourage your child to find their coat hanger and hang up their coat on it each day. We encourage independence from the very start!

Please remember that every child is different and some children may settle quicker than others. This is completely normal and the class teacher will work very closely with you and your child during this very important time.

**Please try to ensure that your child is collected on time each day, as we want your little ones to feel happy and secure in their new environment and want to return to nursery the next day!**

### **Snack Money**

Snack Money (£3 every week) will be collected the week beginning Monday the 9th of September. Please send the money in with your child in an envelope with the child’s name on it, on a Monday morning. Please **do not** send in any food or drinks into nursery. Healthy snacks are provided every day.

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### **Communication with parents/carers**

Developing parental partnerships and strong home-school links are very important and you will be able to speak with your child's teacher on a daily basis should you have any concerns.

Please **download** the Schools NI app as this will keep you informed about important events that are happening in our school throughout the year.

In the nursery we use the **Seesaw app** as a way of communicating with you and showcasing some of the wonderful learning that takes place in our nursery on a daily basis. Please download the app and an invitation will be sent to you soon!

You can also keep up to date with everything that goes on in our school via **twitter** @greenhaw\_ps and through our school **website** [www.greenhawps.co.uk](http://www.greenhawps.co.uk) .

### **Child Protection:**

In Greenhaw Primary & Nursery school, the safety and well being of our children is of paramount importance. Mrs Molloy is the **designated teacher** for child protection in the nursery. Should you have any queries about our school's child protection policy or have any concerns throughout the year, please speak to Mrs. Molloy.

**Consent forms:** Please remember to complete, sign and return all forms that were enclosed in your induction packs in June. There will be some more consent forms sent home over the next week and it is very important that these are also signed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible.

- Please bring a box of tissues and wet wipes to be kept in nursery.
- Please bring in a change of clothes, clearly labelled in a bag with your child's name, in case of little accidents. This should include pants, vest, socks, top & trousers. It does **not** have to be a uniform. This bag will be kept in school on your child's coat hanger.
- It is **very important** that all jumpers, polo shirts and coats have your child's name clearly labelled on them.

Throughout the month of September, our theme is "Getting to know me." The children will be getting to know the nursery staff, their peers and we will be getting to know them! It is very important that these **positive relationships** are established and that all children feel happy and safe in nursery before any type of learning can begin!

**Can you please send in a family photograph for our "getting to know me" display board in class.**

**School closure:** The children will be off school on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th September as these are staff training days.

### **Lunch time routine:**

The dinner/lunch time routine will begin on Monday 30th September. More information on this will follow closer to the time.

### **Songs and rhymes:**

Learning and reciting nursery rhymes is a vital step in preparation for reading. You can help by setting some time aside each day to repeat these with your child-some of which they will already know! A song and rhyme sheet will be sent home each month along with the newsletter. We will also be singing the songs in nursery.

**All children will have their birthday celebrated in school.**

This month we would like to say a big happy birthday to:

Seosamh: 9th

Theo: 13th

Brody-Lee: 18th

Carson: 29th

Aodhan: 30th

