Westminster
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### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year at Westminster Nursery school. We are delighted to see our returning children and to welcome many new pupils to our school.

## Who will be with my child?

Our staff team is Mrs Connor (Headteacher), Miss Barlow and Mrs Clark (our teachers) and our fabulous team of teaching assistants; Mrs Sides, Mrs Gluchowska, Mrs Smith, Miss Smith- Maddock, Miss Bowditch, Mrs Moloney- Ridsdale and Mrs Booth. In the office you will find Mr Smith. Miss Tudor is currently on maternity leave and will be back in December.

During this next week you will be informed which member of staff is your child's keyworker, but please remember you can always speak to any member of the staff team.

Keyworkers record your child's learning in a learning record, which will be shared with you each term and is a beautiful memory of your child's experiences in nursery. Each term the keyworker will set next steps for learning to support children's progress which they will share with you. At the end of the summer term, you will receive a school report.



## What will my child be learning?

Our curriculum is based on the skills and knowledge children need to progress to the next step in their education, taken from the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Most days your child will simply feel like they have been playing all day because we are learning through practical, fun activities. They will get wet and messy at times so spare clothes in their bag are always useful!

Each day has a mix of child led play indoors and outside and group times with focussed listening led by an adult. Activities and play opportunities are carefully planned to support children's development. We use stories, songs and rhymes each week to promote language development.



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## Keeping children safe at Westminster

All our staff take part in safeguarding training. Our safeguarding leads are Mrs Connor and Miss Barlow.

If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to any member of our staff team. Reminders:

- Please close the gate every time you leave the nursery.
- > Do not park on the yellow lines directly outside our school.
- > Do not take photos without consent on our school premises.
- If a different adult is collecting your child, you must inform us in advance and provide the adult's contact details in our parent consent book.
- > We need two emergency contact numbers for each child

### **Attendance**

It is important that your child attends nursery every day they are well and fit, but we do understand that children catch coughs, colds and stomach bugs! If your child is absent, please contact us on 01270 560319 or email <a href="mailto:admin@westminster.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@westminster.cheshire.sch.uk</a>, on the first day they are absent.

If you need time off school for a holiday, please speak to a member of staff who will ask you to complete a holiday form.

#### Communication

- Our website <u>www.westminsternurseryschool.net</u>, where you will be able to see weekly blogs showing the fun your child has had during the week.
- Our facebook page Westminster Nursery School Crewe,
- School text messaging direct to your mobile so please make sure we have the correct number!
- ❖ Speak to our staff or email us admin@westminster.cheshire.sch.uk
- Our newsletters, which are also available on the website.
- ❖ Mrs Connor and Mr Smith are available at the gates every day.
- Come into our classes and speak to the staff.

Snack money is £2.50 per week (£5.00 for 30 hour children) and is used to buy snack and lots of other essentials such as playdough ingredients and bubble mix! We really value your support on this.



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# For your diary:

- Week beginning: 18.9.23 and 25.9.23 keyworkers discussions with parents of new starters
- Friday 6th October World Smile Day
- o During October Autumn stay and play sessions details will follow soon!
- Week beginning 16th October Harvest tin and packet collection supporting St Paul's pantry foodbank
- Monday 23rd October Friday 27th October closed for Half Term Holiday
- o Monday 30th School re-opens
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November whole school trip to Blue Planet Aquarium. Details will follow!
- o Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10-11am Toddler time sessions begin (for babies and younger children)
- o Week beginning Monday 13th November World Nursery Rhyme week
- o Friday 17th November Children in Need
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Break up for Christmas holidays.

We are looking forward to working together with you, to see the amazing progress your children make this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Emma Connor.

