



20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly thank you to all our wonderful families for your comments of support wishing us well during this difficult time. Many of you have also offered your support financially which has been much appreciated. Although we are not going to be charging fees while your children are not attending Nursery we would be grateful for any contributions which will go towards making sure our staff continue to be paid.

Despite the extremely expensive specialist childcare business insurance nurseries must purchase, ALL insurers have refused to cover financial losses for day nurseries during this forced closure as Covid-19 is not listed as a pre existing virus. This decision by the insurance company will sadly force hundreds, if not thousands, of nurseries out of business for good with no offer of financial support or rescue from the government. This is very likely to result in the collapse of the entire childcare industry.

We continue to remain positive and aim to keep our Nursery sustainable during this unprecedented, world wide crisis.

Supporting Learning at Home

We would like to continue to support your child's learning at home and, with this in mind, are hoping to post activities on Tapestry and our Facebook page.

If you are not yet activated on your child's Tapestry account and you would like to have access to activities in this way please email Melody Cox, our Education Consultant, via melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

If you follow us on Facebook the same activities will be posted there too. Equally if you would like to share the activities you are doing at home please post them on your child's Tapestry account or on our Facebook page. We would love to see them and share them with others where possible.

We have also had parents asking for a guide to our daily routines so that they can have some continuity at home too. We aim to get this information out to you next week too.

Forest School

For children of key workers we are still hoping to continue our Forest School provision on Fridays and are temporarily asking for parents to pay £10 per session if they would like their child to attend during this time of forced 'closure' due to coronavirus. All activities and 'food in the forest' are covered by this payment as well as our higher than normal staff ratios. We are opening up this offer not only to our Preschool aged children, but our 2 year old children as well. Children will be well cared for in an open space in the 'forest'. We really don't want to lose our Forest School Leader because without him we cannot continue Forest School.

For more information please contact Becky Moore, our Forest School Coordinator via email becky@advantagedaynursery.co.uk



Tapestry

At this time the children of key workers who are at Nursery will continue to have 'fun photos' uploaded on their Tapestry accounts. For those children who are not here we will be posting activity ideas as described earlier in this newsletter.

If you have emailed Melody for an activation link you have 30 days to activate the account after a link has been sent to you. We will re-send activation links early next week to all of those parents who have not yet activated their accounts, but have already provided email details.

If you want any other relatives to access your child's Learning Journey (and the activity ideas) you would just need to check with them they are happy for you to share email details and then send their details to Melody Cox (see below), along with your child's name and room. Melody will then upload details onto your child's account.

If you would like to share your feedback or any other ideas of how we can help you support you and your child having fun together while at home via Tapestry please email Melody Cox on melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

Advantage Community Kitchen Initiative

Another initiative we are thinking about, while we are all struggling to get some everyday food items, is an Advantage Community Kitchen. At this time we are able to buy most food items through our suppliers and would like to help all our parents in providing healthy, freshly cooked meals, prepared in our professional kitchen, that your children are used to having at Nursery. We would ask you for a nominal contribution of £2.50 per portion. We can also provide delicious freshly baked bread (which you can also freeze) at a cost of £1.50 per loaf.

We anticipate that you could email you orders in on a Friday afternoon for the next week and we would arrange how you could pick these meals up safely, especially if your child is not in Nursery. Menus would be posted in advance so that you can decide what you would like to order.

Please can you let us know if this is something you would be interested in at this time.

Twitter & Facebook

Thank you for following us on Facebook and Twitter. We are enjoying reading your comments and hope you love the updates too.

If you would like to follow us on Facebook the link is <http://tinyurl.com/advantagefacebook> Please take a look!

If you would like to follow us on Twitter our account is [@AdvDayNursery](https://twitter.com/AdvDayNursery). You can also see all our tweets on the home page of the website at the bottom of the page.

Next week's menu (wk beg 23/3/2020) is Menu 4, although this may change at short notice. Parents section of our website [here](#).



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank you for all the support you have shown during this challenging time. Please stay safe and let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.

With love and gratitude

Hazel Moody (Nursery Manager) and the whole of the Advantage Team