

# Advantage

Childrens Day Nursery

6<sup>th</sup> January and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,



Harper in Ducklings	Fraser in Rainbow
Theodore in Ducklings	Abigail in Snowflakes
Karim in Snowflakes	Nicholas in Moonbeams
Giorgio in Moonbeams	Yashika in Moonbeams
Jayke in Ducklings	Ranush in Moonbeams
Amelie in Snowflakes	Quinn in Busy Bees
Matthew in Busy Bees	
Ravi in Moonbeams	
Theo in Moonbeams	
Eliza in Snowflakes	
Lucca in Busy Bees	
Freya in Ladybirds	

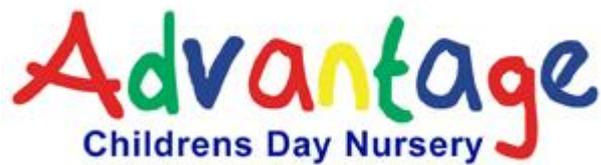
We would like to say a big welcome back to all our families and wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2021. It is lovely to see everyone again after the Christmas break. We hope it was a happy and safe time for you all.

## COVID-19 and the latest National Lockdown

As you know this week has started another National Lockdown and, as instructed by the Government, we would like to reassure you we remain open for all children as normal. Our staff team remain vigilant in adhering to our COVID policies and procedures. It is really important-more than ever- that we all work together to keep each other safe. With this in mind, and in addition to government rules to 'Stay at Home' unless for essential purposes, we would like to remind you to wear a mask when in the Nursery, sanitise your hands on arrival and use the one way system to exit the Nursery. We also ask you to respect that staff have been asked to give a quick handover to you and not have lengthy conversations with you at drop off and collection times and to maintain social distancing and keep face to face contact to a minimum. If you need to discuss anything more with your child's keyperson/staff in their room please call or email and we will arrange a mutually convenient time with you to do so. We, of course, want to keep our lines of communication open to you as much as possible, bearing in mind the current circumstances too.

For your information the Department for Education (DfE) has put out the following rationale for keeping Nurseries open, while shutting schools and other education settings. We understand the reasoning behind this. It states as follows:

- The reason schools have been restricted is not that they are unsafe but because additional measures are needed to contain the spread of the virus. The wider restrictions in place as part of the national lockdown to contain the spread of the virus in the community enable us to continue prioritising keeping nurseries and childminders open, supporting parents and delivering the crucial care and education needed for our youngest children.*
- Early years settings remain low risk environments for children and staff. 0-5 year olds continue to have the lowest confirmed rates of coronavirus of all age groups, and there is no evidence that the new variant of coronavirus disproportionately affects young children. Evidence shows that pre-school children are less susceptible to infection and are not playing a driving role in transmission. There is no evidence the new strain of the virus causes more serious illness in either children or adults and there continues to be strong*



evidence that children are much less susceptible to severe clinical disease than older people.

- *PHE advice remains that the risk of transmission and infection is low if early years settings follow the system of controls, which reduce risks and create inherently safer environments.*
- *Early years settings have been open to all children since 1 June and there is no evidence that the early years sector has contributed to a rise in virus cases within the community. Early evidence from SAGE showed that early years provision had a smaller relative impact on transmission rate than primary schools, which in turn had a smaller relative impact than secondary schools.*
- *Early years childcare providers were one of the first sectors to have restrictions lifted last summer, in recognition of the key role they play in society. Childminders and nursery staff across the country have worked hard to keep settings open through the pandemic so that young children can be educated, and parents can work. The earliest years are the most crucial point of child development and attending early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and supports children's social and emotional development. We continue to prioritise keeping early years settings open in full because of the clear benefits to children's education and wellbeing and to support working parents. Caring for the youngest age group is not something that can be done remotely.*

We continue to follow any Government guidelines we are given and read and follow the many documents that are published in order for us to keep the Nursery open and COVID safe. The situation, as you are aware, is ever changing and if anything changes we will be in contact with you as soon as we can. For now we remain open and are happy to continue caring for and educating all the young children at our Nursery and supporting all our families.

#### COVID-19 Policies

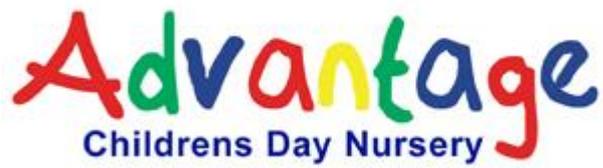
Thank you to all parents for your understanding of our COVID policies and procedures and following them should your child become unwell at Nursery (or home).

Please can we remind you that if your child needs paracetamol (eg. calpol) or ibuprofen (eg. Nurofen) before coming to Nursery they will not be accepted into Nursery that day.

If your child gets a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above (or any other symptoms of COVID) while at Nursery you will be called and asked to come and collect them as soon as possible. They will need to go for a COVID test and the result must be negative before returning to Nursery. We have a zero tolerance policy for all COVID symptoms in order to keep them safe. You will need to email your child's results to [admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk)

If you, your child or anyone else in your household develops COVID symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID you must all self isolate for the required amount of time, currently 10 days from the onset of symptoms or from a positive test if you have no symptoms, before your child returns to Nursery and provided they are well enough to return. Advice on what to do if you show COVID symptoms and need to self isolate is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

With all other illness eg. conjunctivitis, colds (where the child is clearly not well enough to cope with the normal Nursery day), sickness/diarrhoea etc our usual sickness policy applies.



### Tapestry

Thank you to the parents who have uploaded Christmas break photos. It has been lovely to see what the children have been doing over Christmas.

Due to our size we have 3 different packages for Tapestry- Babies/ Toddlers, Nursery 2-3s and Preschool. When your child moves from one age group to the next all their records are transferred to their new room so that their Learning Journey can continue whilst at Advantage. If you log on to your child's previous room package after their records have transferred you will not see any of their observations once the transfer is complete. Please don't worry! They are safely transferred and you will need to activate your 'new' account via the link sent on email. You can use the same email but, for security reasons, will need to create a new password. If you do not receive an email from Tapestry within a couple of weeks of your child starting in their new room please email Melody Cox who is the admin for Tapestry and deals with all the transfers. You can contact her via [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk)

### School Applications

*\*A reminder to check that you have applied for school! DON'T FORGET! The deadline is near!\**

If your child turns 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 you need to apply for a school place for September 2021. The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Winter Clothing and Shoes

Please can we remind you to make sure your child has a warm (named) coat with a hat and gloves (preferably attached on a string and threaded through the arms of the coat) and suitable winter shoes/wellies (or warm booties for pre-walking babies) for playing outside every day they attend. We go outside in all weathers and rooms have slots for outside play or free flow (age dependent) from 9am through until tea time. Fresh air for all children (and staff) is particularly important at this time and, as we have always done, we aim to maximise the use of our beautifully designed gardens throughout the year. Thank you.

### Twitter & Facebook

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

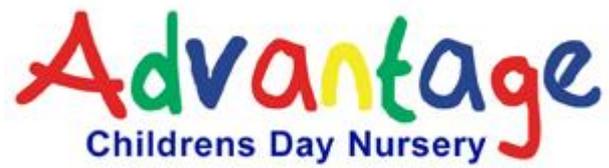
If you would like to follow us on Facebook the link is <http://tinyurl.com/advantagefacebook> Please take a look!

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.

This week's menu is Menu 1 and next week's (W/B 11/01/21) is Menu 2, which you can view or download from the Parents section of our website [here](#). Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

**Hazel Moody**  
Nursery Manager



DATES to REMEMBER

**JANUARY**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>      INSET DAY- Term time only children  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>        Term time only children return

**FEBRUARY**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> -Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holidays for Term Time only children