



# Benview Early Years August/September Newsletter



Dear parents, carers and friends,

A new nursery term has begun. It has been lovely to welcome all your children back to the nursery for the start of the new term! Your children have been fantastic and have settled back in great.

We are over the moon to announce that MaryKate who was our Acting Team Leader has been successful and has gained the position of our new Depute Head Of Centre here at Benview I am sure you will all agree that this is very well deserved! Well Done MaryKate 😊

We would also like to welcome Graham our new CDO who has joined our Benview family. Graham will be based in our little stars room.

Congratulations to Pamela on her successful interview for the Acting Team Leader position! Pamela will be carrying this journey on in another establishment. While we're sad to see Pamela go, we're excited for her new journey and wish her all the best. ❤️ Billie will be taking over from Pamela as our new Play Champion 😊

Shannon from our Rainbow room has now finished up for Maternity leave and has welcomed her beautiful baby girl Hallie who made an early appearance, Shannon, Hallie and the family are all doing great and Hallie is just a little ray of sunshine. Congratulations Shannon and family.



Please make sure your emails and phone numbers are up to date. This way we can keep you up to date with nursery news. If your email address or any other important information has changed, please contact the office to have this updated! Text messages and emails will be sent through the Groupcall system, so it is important we have up to date details for all contacts.

## Safe Routes to Nursery

All children have the right to a safe route to nursery. Sadly, children's safety can often be compromised by drivers attitudes to parking in the Campus and streets surrounding the Campus.

If driving to nursery, please do not park in zigzag lines or in a way which may endanger others.

Thank you all for you support in ensuring our children can enter our nursery safely.



### Arrival / Collection

Before entering and leaving the nursery playroom please make sure your encouraging signing in and out. When your child is being brought and collected to and from nursery, please come into the playroom with your child so a member of staff knows that your child is in for their session **DO NOT HOLD THE DOOR OPEN!** Can we please ask that only one member of family enters the nursery to keep the traffic to a minimum!

Toys from home are not permitted in the nursery playrooms as this is an upset to all children, we have plenty of resource in the nursery playrooms for all children. Food and snacks are also not to be brought into nursery we would be grateful if children are having something to eat before their session please wait outside until this is finished before entering the nursery, there is children in the nursery with allergies.

### Children's bags

Bags are supplied by the nursery to be kept in the nursery please do not bring bags from home as we don't not have the space. Children require some spare change of clothes for various reasons, toileting accidents, outdoors etc. The nursery does not keep a supply of clothes. Please ensure you check your child's bags daily to ensure they have spares, otherwise we will need to phone emergency contacts to bring a change of clothes if required. Can you please label all clothing and footwear with your child's name please. For children that are in nappies staff will advise when these are running low for these to be topped out. Please do not leave medication in bags please advise Management of any medication that is required.

### Annual Data Checks

Each year we collect vital information about your contact details and emergency contact details.

It is essential that all your child's details are accurate and up to date in their nursery record.

Your child will also bring home important consent forms which must be returned to the nursery office as soon as possible.

Many Thanks.

### Toy Fund

Please remember to pay the £2 contribution per week. Toy Fund is an important part of nursery life as it helps us to buy resources and special treats for the children, all children benefit from these donations. Every penny donated is spent on the children



### Timekeeping, attendance and absence

In the past we have seen children being brought to nursery a lot earlier before their sessions begin. If you are early for your session unfortunately, you will not be given access into the building until your child session begins. If your child attends an AM session, please note entry will close at 10:00AM, and late arrivals will not be admitted and will be asked to attend at their next session and if a PM session entry will close at 2:00PM. Parents and carers should inform the nursery staff if their child is likely to be absent. If your child has an appointment within nursery hours, please advise a member of staff of this. We understand lateness can occur but please if you're going to be late at any point again, contact the office on 0141 947 4740 or [headteacher@benview-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@benview-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk)

Thank you for your cooperation of this!



### **Concerns and Child Protection:**

If you witness or hear anything that concerns you, including potential child protection issues within the community, please speak directly to the Head of Nursery Josephine who is the designated child protection coordinator. If she is unavailable, you may speak to Marykate or Nikki, this is in line with GCC policy and Procedure. If you have any further questions, feel free to discuss them with Head of Centre.

### **Family support**

Please do not hesitate to contact our Family Support Workers if you require any support or even curious to what they can offer you. Please call on 0141 946 4740 and ask for either Sam or Maggie. Both Sam and Maggie have been working hard to ensure all families receive the best support possible. Either Sam or Maggie will now be in each Wednesday, so we have Family Support Team in every day.

### **Food Pantry**

We want to help our families as much as possible. Out in the Foyer there is a pantry available for our families to use. There is a selection of different foods, it changes daily so please come in and have a look, there is also toiletries available.

We will be starting back our Play Along Maths, these will be starting from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am until 11:30am. It is lots of fun playing games together with your children, during the sessions your child will choose a game for you both to take home and enjoy together. If you would like to come along, please speak with Sam 😊 Tea, coffee, biscuits, fun and laughter will be provided

Our Parent Carousel evening will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 5:30pm until 7pm. All parents/carers are invited along this gives you a chance to see what your child/children are learning all the activities and resources we have and gives you the chance to explore all the areas along with your child/children and see the day in the life at nursery.

### Celebrating our Achievements

We are incredibly proud to announce that **Benview Early Years** has been honoured with the **Nurture Award** — a recognition that celebrates our commitment to creating a caring, inclusive, and supportive environment for everyone who walks through our doors.

This award is a reflection of the dedication and compassion of our entire team, whose daily efforts nurture not only growth and development, but also a true sense of belonging. Whether it's through our relationships, services, or community initiatives, we remain focused on fostering a culture where people feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey — this award belongs to all of us. We look forward to continuing to grow together, with care at the heart of everything we do. ❤️



### Dates for your diary

**September** ~ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September nursery closed to all children.

**October** ~ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October nursery closed to all children - staff in-service day  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October nursery closed to all Term Time Children.

**December** ~ Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January nursery closed to Term Time Children  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January nursery closed to all children  
All children return to their normal session from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.