

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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## February 2021

### Nursery reopening

As you will be aware the Scottish Government have just announced that nursery has to reopen for children on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

It is great news to have all children back in-person, but it is very important that this is not regarded as 'back to normality'. Restrictions remain across wider society so it is vital that every effort continues to be to observe F.A.C.T.S.



It is important to remain vigilant to the most common symptoms of COVID-19:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia).

Anyone reporting these symptoms should not attend nursery and isolate until a test can be arranged.

### Parent/carers entering the building

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, parents/carers are not permitted to enter the building and we understand this may be unsettling for you and your child but please be reassured that our nursery team will be on hand to comfort your child from the moment they step through our door.

At the moment, staff are not allowed to have face-to-face meetings, and if you wish to speak to a member of staff please phone the nursery to arrange an appointment.

If you need to speak to a member of staff urgently, and cannot wait for a phone call, please make sure you keep a distance of 2 metres.

Staff are always happy to take your call (01324 503404).

### Health Checks

Please remember it is Falkirk Council Policy that a child should not return to school or nursery until they are 48 hours clear of any sickness / diarrhoea illness.

Regular checks for Head Lice are always recommended.

**If your child is unwell the best place for them is at home. We cannot ensure children stay inside when recovering from illness as we are an outdoor nursery and children spend a large part of their day outdoors.**

**If your child is not well enough to go outdoors, then they should not be in nursery.**



### Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery. As the weather is getting colder it would be advised that you provide your child with a hat, scarf, gloves and a warm jacket. Please make sure your child's name is on these items.

It would also be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's nursery bag.

We have no spare socks in nursery now so please make sure your child has a couple of spare pairs in their bag.



### Dropping off and collecting

When dropping off and collecting your child, you **must** wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) and remain two metres apart from each other.

When approaching the door at nursery, please **do not cross** the line at the board. This is to ensure the safety of staff, parents/carers and all children.

If the door is shut when you arrive, please chap the door and step back behind the line.

## Nursery Bubbles

As you will be aware from the December Newsletter, we now need to split the nursery into bubbles due to the risk of spread of infection.

More than one group can use a large space, but children should not mix freely with children in other groups, including in open plan settings. There will be 20 children with three Early Year's Officers and a Childcare Assistant per bubble.

Staff have tried their best to create the bubbles based on various factors, such as friendship groups and school transitions. Your child will still see all the children in the nursery, but will only have direct contact with one specific bubble.

Your child will still come to the same door on arrival to nursery and will then be guided to their 'bubble'. Adult's must ensure that they maintain a 2m distance and wear a face covering (unless they are exempt) when queuing to drop off and collect children.

The nursery will be split into two sections with clearly allocated areas and physical barriers such as furniture being used to support separation of groups.

Below is the list of bubbles that staff have created. Staff would appreciate it if you could take the time to talk to your child about the other children in their bubble.

Andrew  
Laihla  
Lexi  
Harris  
Charlie M  
Robyn  
Owen  
Amelia H  
Orla  
Darcy  
Oliver Mc  
Elijah  
Wiktor  
Louise  
Dominikia  
Sam  
Isabella  
Eden  
Erin W  
Elena

Seán  
James M  
Eamonn  
Luca  
Charlie O  
Slaine  
Erin O  
Niamh  
Charlie Mc  
Oliver B  
Isla Mc  
Natalie  
Amelia W  
Calan  
James C  
Anthony  
Harley  
Mason  
Aoife  
Isla S

## Important dates 2020/2021

**Easter holidays**—Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April

**May holiday**—Monday 3rd May

**In-service day**—Thursday 6th May (nursery closed)

**Summer holidays**—Monday 28th June

## Toys to Nursery

Please try and discourage your child from bringing toys to nursery.

At the moment we are unable to allow this due to strict Covid-19 guidelines and children can become upset when staff place their toy in a safe place.

Children should not bring any food or sweeties into nursery either.

St. Bernadette's ELCC & Primary School  
Suspected COVID-19 Flowchart (before St. Bernadette's ELCC & Primary School) August 2020



The flowchart below will help you make the decision whether to send your child/ren to St. Bernadette's ELCC & Primary School in relation to COVID-19 symptoms.

