



# QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## **Welcome to Nursery-Robin Class**

We are writing to introduce our friendly Nursery team, explain a little about what the children will be learning during their first term at Queensway and give you important information necessary for the first few weeks of term.

### **Meet the team**

**Nursery Teacher and Early Years Leader: Mrs Marsh**

**Teaching assistants: Miss Maskell and Miss Sharman-Moss**

**Mrs Timms and Mrs Thorpe will also be working in Nursery at various points in the week to help with cover at lunchtime and during PPA time.**

In our Nursery, we follow a child led curriculum-not solely based on topics. This is designed to have the flexibility to follow children's specific interests or needs. It means that the child is in the driving seat and adults respond to what the child finds interesting or needs further support in and develops the environment and activities around these things. This is the magic of Foundation Stage and we can never quite predict where the learning may take us next!

### **Topic**

This term our topic is 'Marvellous Me'. Please follow the following link to find the full knowledge organiser that we have created for this topic outlining some of the exciting things that your child will be learning this term.

### **Environment**

Children will have the opportunity to access both our indoor and outdoor learning environments on a daily basis. Therefore, please ensure that your child comes dressed prepared for the weather with an appropriate coat and footwear.

### **Welly Wednesday/Forest School**

Once the children have settled into life at Queensway, we plan to start to take the children out on Wednesday mornings on welly walks around our school grounds and exploring the outdoor environment. Children who attend afternoon sessions or stay for a full day at Nursery will have weekly Forest School sessions on Friday afternoons. For these sessions, children will need to be provided with a pair of wellies. Wellies can be kept at Nursery or taken home at the end of each session.

### **Spare Clothes**

Please can all children have a spare set of clothes including underwear and socks which can be kept on their peg. Accidents can happen and sometimes learning is a messy business!

### **Named Uniform/items**

We would be most grateful if all uniform and belongings could be named to avoid items going missing.

### **Nursery Blog**

Our blog will be updated regularly with photographs and information of what we have been learning about. Details of how to access the class blog will be sent out shortly.

### **Wow Moments**

Here at Queensway Nursery, we get as excited as you do watching your child grow and develop and would like to celebrate all their achievements - whether they happen at school or at home with you. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us to create a 'well-rounded' picture of who your child really is.

Your child will be bringing home a sheet of WOW Moment slips for you to fill in when you feel there has been a star moment at home that you would like to share with us. Children will be reminded to pop completed WOW Moments into the brown box underneath our WOW display. We will then celebrate these moments and display them on our golden board.

These 'WOW Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you'd like to share with us. For example, your child's favourite bedtime story, getting dressed by themselves, how they built a tall Lego tower, learning to ride their bike and many more besides! However, please remember that your child is unique. What he/she enjoys doing or achieves for the first time is personal to them and should be recognised whenever it takes place, regardless of when their friends did something similar. Your child's development is not a race!

### **Evidence Me**

Staff in Nursery make observations of the children's learning to ensure their next steps are met. These are collected in each child's electronic 'Evidence Me' Learning Journey. You will receive an invitation via email to create your own password to enable you to access your child's learning journey online. Once you have created your password you can login via the web suite or alternatively download the app to your phone. Then you will be good to go and will be able to regularly view your child's learning and make contributions by uploading your own observations to Evidence Me. More information will follow shortly in a separate letter.

### **Reading with your child at home**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of sharing books with your child every day. We are passionate about reading and we know just how important it is to instil a love of reading for pleasure into our young children. Talking about the books you share will really help them develop a love of reading and important early reading skills. Your child will have the opportunity once a week to choose a book from our book basket to bring home and read for pleasure. Children will be bringing home books to share at home after a few weeks into Term 1.

### **Start of term dates and times**

Week beginning 30.08.20: Morning session 8.30-11.30am  
Afternoon session 12.00-3.00pm  
30 hours children who attended our setting last term to stay all day 9am-3pm

Week beginning 07.9.20: All Children entitled to 30 hours stay all day 9am- 3pm.

We understand that to begin with attending full days can be tiring for children, if after the first week back you feel your child would benefit to continue to gradually build up to the full 30 hours then please speak to a member of our team as we can be flexible.

Should you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to ask a member of our team at drop off or collection. Alternatively, you can email the school office and they will pass any emails onto me directly.

Our Nursery team are all very excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to get to know your children - let the adventure begin!

Best Wishes

**Mrs Marsh**  
**Nursery Teacher and Early Years Leader**