



# Low Hall Nursery School & Children's Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers



## Welcome to the Children

We would very much like to welcome all the new children as well as the parents and carers to our nursery school. The children are settling in really well with your support and the support of their key workers and the other staff. Please remember that all children are different and have had different experiences of being left so we expect some to settle quicker than others. Your child's Key Worker will continue to work together to help your child have a good start.

It was also lovely to welcome back all the children who were with us last year. We were so pleased to see how delighted they were to return!

## Welcome, Good bye and Thank You

We are very pleased to welcome our new teacher **Nalinee Sabaroche** to Low Hall. Nalinee is a very experienced teacher and has already become a valued part of the team.

**Bernice Otudeko** will be returning to work on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October after her maternity leave and we really look forward to working with her again. She will be working Wednesday to Friday and this means we will also be welcoming a new Early Years Practitioner to the staff, **Louisa Cargill**. Louisa will be working Monday to Wednesday as well as Thursday tea time. Unfortunately this will mean that **Hajra Esmail** will be leaving us as she was covering the maternity leave. I am sure you will all want to say a very big thank you to Hajra for all her hard work and join us in wishing her all the very best.

## New Parents Meeting

There will be a meeting for all new parents and carers on **Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting for morning parents will be at **9.15am** and for afternoon parents at **1.00pm**. Parents of day care children are welcome at either meeting. It is very important that you attend as you will be given very important information about the school.



## School Photographer

On **Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>** the photographer will be here to take individual photographs of your child. These photographs will then be available for you to buy in a variety of sizes. If you wish your child to have their photo taken with younger brothers or sisters let us know and then this can be taken at the start of the session. Please note that some children find having their photograph taken very difficult and will refuse. We will not force them to have their picture taken.

## Name Cards

By the beginning of next week the children will all have a name card on the boards outside the main office. Please could you help your child find their name cards when they arrive at nursery every day. They will need to bring them in to the nursery and place them on the boards inside the nursery which are located outside the Rainbow room or on the door outside the Red room. Each Key Worker will have an identified board. **This is very important in helping your child to recognise and eventually write their name.**



### Breakfast for Daycare Children

For the parents of daycare children who attend nursery from 8.00am please remember that breakfast finishes at 8.45am. If your child arrives after that they will need to have had breakfast at home.



### A Healthy School

Please remember that we are a 'Healthy School' and we will only give your child snacks that are good for them. Please do not hand your child unhealthy snacks such as chocolate and crisps while you are on the school premises. Also, if children are given these when you collect them they begin to expect 'treats' every day.



### Plastic Bags and Spare Clothes

Please be reminded that you are no longer allowed to keep your child's spare clothes in plastic bags as these are very dangerous to your children. It is very easy for a child to take them off a peg or out of a box and place them over their head. They will need to be placed in a NAMED canvas bag or a back-pack. We are committed to keeping your children safe so we would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Please make sure that your child has plenty of spare clothes including plenty of pairs of pants and socks.



### Gate at by the Road

We often find that the gate by the road is being left open. We care about your children's safety very much so please make sure that you close and bolt it every time you go in or out. Thank you.

### Speech Therapy Service

There have been a lot of changes in Waltham Forest and this also includes changes to the speech therapy service. At the moment we are unsure how often the speech therapists will be able to visit us at Low Hall to see identified children but if you have a concern there is a weekly drop in session every **Thursday from 10-11.30am at the Leyton Children and Family Centre Hub at Queens Road** (where the old Children's Centre was based). If you have any worries about how your child's speech is developing please also discuss this with your child's Key Worker.

**School Funds** is £1 per week for all children - This helps pay towards snacks, trips out and other activities

### Half term Playscheme

If you would like your child to attend the half term play scheme please see Mary at the office. The price is £27 per day for the first child and £25 for the second child. Children from the ages of three to eight can attend. We still have a limited number of places available.

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**- New parents Meetings at 9.15am and 1.00pm.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**- School photographer

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**- closed for half term but the play scheme will be open as usual.