



Start Right Newsletter

October 2020

We hope that you are all settling back in to the routine and that you are all happy with our new protocols in line with Government guidance on COVID-19. The whole team is delighted to be back at Start Right working with your children.

HEALTH AWARENESS

Please be extra vigilant in monitoring your child's and your family's health this autumn and winter. If someone in your family or you are showing symptoms of COVID-19, please self-isolate for 14 days and get a test. If you need any further information, please visit www.gov.uk. Please keep us informed of any absences and any positive or negative test results. We are legally required to report any test results of children and staff to Devon County Council.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please could you make sure that you are fully contactable whilst your child is at Start Right in case we need to get in touch with you for accidents or if your child needs to be collected if they are showing symptoms. If you do change any personal contact details, please let us know as soon as possible.

WATERPROOFS AND WELLIES

Please ensure that your child comes to Start Right with a **full set of named robust waterproofs (an all in one or a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers) and a pair of named wellington boots** for use in the gardens and in the art room. Please also ensure that they are wearing socks.

As the days get colder please make sure that you bring in a named fleece.

A set of spare clothes for each session would be appreciated.

FUNDED CHILDCARE

If your child qualifies for two year old or 30 hours funded childcare from the Council, please ensure that you update your status **every three months** to ensure that you continue to receive the funding.

If you are newly eligible for this funding, please speak to Helen as soon as possible with your funding code and National Insurance number. There is a deadline to apply for this funding so please let us have any information as soon as you receive it. Any queries, please speak to Helen.

FOOD COMING INTO START RIGHT

We are very sorry but we are unable to share any birthday treats which you may wish to bring into Start Right. This is due to the fact that we have several children who have different allergies as well as our new COVID-19 rules. We hope you will support us on this.

MOBILE PHONES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Please be aware that our policy is not to allow anyone to take photographs of any children on their mobile phones while at Start Right.

NAPPIES AND PULL UPS

If your child still wears nappies or pull ups, please make sure that you bring some spares with you and leave them in your child's red bag.

REMINDERS

- We would appreciate a telephone call if your child is ill. If they have been sick, please make sure you do not bring them back to Start Right for at least 48 hours.
- If your child needs to take any medicine whilst at Start Right please speak to your child's key worker and they will ask you to complete a form.
- Please ensure that Start Right is informed of all people authorised to pick up your child after sessions and let a member of staff know if a relative or friend is collecting your child, especially if it is the first time.
- If your child brings lunch in to Start Right, please ensure that you include a **cool pack** in their lunch box and that you do not pack anything which contains nuts. Please also ensure that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut in half. Please also send in a drink for your child in a non-spill cup. We no longer serve milk at snack time due to allergies.

Thank you for all your continuing help and support from Caryl and Peter and the staff team.