

Somerville Nursery School



SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

**IMPORTANT –
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Newsletter – January 2025

Now taking applications for Easter 2025 & September 2025



Welcome to our New Starters

Following the Christmas break, it has been wonderful to see our returning children again and to welcome lots of new children. Most of the children have settled well and are eager to explore and get to know the environment; build new relationships; as well as learn new routines and skills.

Settling in can be a challenging time for you as parents / carers – please speak to staff if you have any concerns at all.

Please Be On Time

Morning 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Please make sure your child arrives on time ready for their session and that you are prompt picking them up at the end of the session.

This is because staff have their lunch from 12 - 12:30pm and staff meetings to attend from 3.30 p.m.



Please note that the gates are open approximately 15 minutes ahead of pick-up times. You must inform your child's teacher or the school office if you need to collect your child outside of these times e.g. for an appointment.

Change of Clothes

Please provide a bag with spare clothes for your child that can be kept in school (include socks).

Even if your child does not have toileting accidents we still need a spare set for general accidents e.g. falling in a puddle!

For those children who are not yet toilet trained, please remember to put spare nappies and wipes in their bags.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and their bag are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Supporting independence

In order to support your child as they become independent, please consider what they are wearing to Nursery. **We would strongly recommend that children wear jogging pants with an elasticated waist** as they can more readily manage these when accessing the toilets and changing facilities. We would also ask that children do not come to Nursery in shoes with laces. Please label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name.



Miscellaneous

Please note that children DO NOT need water bottles in nursery. They have access to water throughout their session.

Please do not send your child into nursery with toys and other items from home as this can lead to distress if these items are forgotten or go missing. For our youngest children (in the Caterpillar room) please do speak to staff if your child has a comforter and staff will advise you how best to proceed.

Evidence Me

Please make sure that you are set up on 'Evidence Me'. The 'Parent Share' feature in Evidence Me enables you to view photographs and important updates about what's happening in nursery!

Should you have any difficulties accessing Evidence Me, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Please note that we have aimed to reduce the number of observations carried out. This is to ensure that staff can focus on high quality interactions with your child, scaffolding and supporting their development. However, every term you will receive a photo journal from your child's key person. Of course we love to hear about your child's learning experiences at home, please continue to send these through. Please DO NOT use this platform for general messages / absence.



Clothing

Somerville cardigans are now in stock and can be purchased from the office at a cost of £10.50. We also have jumpers available at £9.50. Please ensure that your child always has a warm coat in nursery. Children spend time outside every day and the weather is unpredictable!

Safeguarding

We work closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Partnership to support children and families. Please access their webpage for advice and support on a range of issues:

<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Lunches

If your child has packed lunches please make sure their lunch box and drink bottle are clearly labelled with their name. For safety reasons, please do not put your child's lunch in a plastic bag. Healthy lunches: please note that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets should NOT be provided. A good example of a healthy lunch might be:

- a sandwich, wrap or pot of pasta,
- a piece or pot of fruit
- a yogurt
- a carton of juice or water



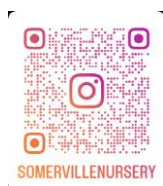
Note: We are a nut-free setting and would appreciate your support with this.

Social Media links:

Website:

www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/

Instagram:



Term Dates

We will close for the half- term on Friday 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February.

Other dates - events and Celebrations

- Chinese New Year (29th Jan)
- Shrove Tuesday (4th March)
- World Book Day (6th March)
- International Women's Day (8th March)
- Mother's Day (30th March)

Note: A full overview of dates & events for Nursery will be issued in the coming weeks.

Plastic bags

In the interests of health and safety we would request that plastic bags are not used at the nursery for lunches, spare clothes etc.



Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks, fruit bread etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

We ask for a small donation of £1 per week. Pay weekly or every half term via your child's class teacher or at the office.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for morning children, and before 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children. You can do this by:

Phone - 0151 638 1567 or by Email schooloffice@somervillenursery.wirral.sch.uk

School Matters!



Supervised Toothbrushing

Improved dental hygiene taught at an early age can have long term benefits for children's teeth; result in fewer lost days at nursery and better health and wellbeing for children in general. All children take part in 'supervised toothbrushing' at the nursery, in conjunction with The Dental Wellness Trust.



Keeping us up-to-date

Please inform the school office if your contact details, emergency contacts or pick-up list, have changed. It is of great importance that we are able to contact you in case of emergencies.



HELP WITH FOOD

Wirral Food Bank
Unit 14
Wirral Business Centre
Dock Road
Birkenhead
CH41 1JW

Telephone: 0151 666 5050

OUT OF HOURS SUPPORT
0151 677 6557

Email: enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

Web: www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk

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**THERE IS A FOODBANK
CENTRE OPEN IN WALLASEY
EVERY WEEKDAY.**



Seacombe Family Hub

Seacombe Family Hub offers a wide range of services for families including:

- Group activities for families to support their child's development
- Accessing health appointments with midwives
- Health visitors
- Relationship support
- Foodbank services
- Library (10am-4pm)

Open 9am - 5pm at St Paul's Road
Seacombe, CH44 7AN Tel: 0151
666 3506

Makaton

All teaching and support staff at the nursery have now undertaken Level 1 Makaton training with Corrine Lloyd, Makaton Tutor. In the coming weeks we will aim to share the common signs that we are introducing children to. Please encourage your child to 'have a go' and practice at home if possible. For more information please follow Corrine on Instagram



To find out more about the benefits of Makaton please access this link:

<https://youtu.be/tRiW0s7wW1c>