



Dear Parents

We are very much looking forward to you and your child joining Ladybird Montessori. We want your child to feel safe, stimulated and happy. We aim to make Ladybird a welcome place where children settle quickly and therefore we invite your child to attend Ladybird at the following times on;

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Please note the following information to help you all settle in.

Staff.

All our staff are carefully selected and undergo Police vetting and barring checks. All staff are committed to the highest standards of the Montessori Philosophy and childcare.

Notice Boards.

Please check the Notice boards regularly. The Notice boards along with the regular news letters e-mailed will keep you updated with all the Special events at the Nursery.

Uniform.

The children wear Navy Blue Sweatshirts or cardigans and White Polo shirts all of which can be purchased at the Nursery. Blue check summer dresses for summer and up to mid October can be purchased from Marks, Sainsburys, Tesco's etc. School bags and hats are optional. Please label all uniform. Your child will need a school bag with a spare set of clothes and Wellington boots in a separate labelled boot bag daily. Sunhats for the summer. **Children must wear sensible safe shoes, preferably with Velcro. No crocs or flipflops please.**

Parents Evening

Parent's evenings are held twice a year. We realize that the relationship between the Child's parents and the school is crucial to your Child's well being, development and progress. Each child has a key teacher who will keep you updated with your Child's individual progress during their time at Ladybird.

Sickness and Medicine.

We cannot accept a sick child into the Nursery. If your child becomes unwell at nursery we will contact you. Please see the infection and illness policy on our website. Due to Ofsted regulations we are unable to give children medication unless we have your written permission and instructions before hand.

Snack and lunches

Part of our Early years and OFSTED requirements are to encourage healthy, balanced and nutritious meals.

The first steps nutrition trust <http://www.firststepsnutrition.org/> provides information to support eating well from pre-conception to 5 years from experienced nutritionists. They have an amazing web site with many packed lunch ideas and portion sizes all at a low cost!

Please could you provide your child with a bottle of water (no juice please) and a piece of fruit each morning session. Milk or water and fruit and a biscuit is offered to the children at snack time. The children help to cut up and share the fruit with their friends at snack time. Children will need a packed lunch if staying for a morning session. **No peanut butter, nuts, frube squeeze yoghurts, crisps or chocolate or sweets please.** Packed lunches are stored in the classroom and should contain a **healthy sandwich or pasta** with perhaps some chopped up cheese or vegetables, carrots/cucumber etc or fruit and a small treat. Small containers are also much easier for the children to open. Please could small cheddar biscuits etc be put in a small pot. **No packets please.** Children may have yoghurts in a pot with a spoon

Toys

We would ask that children only bring in 1 small toy on a Monday morning for our show and tell sessions in Autumn 2018. New children needing a comforter is of course perfectly acceptable.

Procedures and Policies.

The schools Procedures, Policies, Ofsted report and Parent comments are on display in the school portfolio in the lobby of the Nursery school.

Arrivals and Departures.

Please deliver and collect your child punctually. School starts at 8.45am and collection time is 12.30 or between 3 and 3.30pm. We ask that parents wait for the door to be opened at these times so children enter and leave together. Early morning drop off is available daily from 8.30 at a charge of £1.30.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or queries,

Kind regards,
Charlotte Henderson.