

ALLENS CROFT

NURSERY SCHOOL



NEWS

The children have returned to nursery beautifully! We are also very proud of the children that have begun their Allens Croft Journey in recent weeks. We cannot wait to see the progress they will make this term!

CHILDCARE SUPPORT IS EXPANDING

If your child is not already entitled to 2 year funding you may meet the new criteria. Please head to [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Child-care and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#) to check your eligibility. Apply now for your child's funding to April 2024.

Unpaid Stay and Play Volunteer role

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30, term time only.

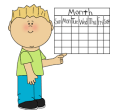
[ACNS Stay and Play Volunteer Advert January 2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

For more information, please contact Laura O'Neill on 0121 675 0362. Application forms are available from our school office or via email: enquiry@allenscn.bham.sch.uk

Become A Volunteer

Important dates for your diary

- * Half term - 12th February - 16th February
- * Open Evening for new families - Thurs 29th February 3:30-4:30pm
- * **Parent Workshop** - 'How to support my child's Mathematical Development' - at 1pm on Tuesday 20th February



SEND Coffee Morning 27th February 09:00 - 12:00

'Attention Allens Croft' are targeted intervention groups; developed by specialist teachers to promote children's shared attention and interaction skills, which are incredibly important to children's communication and language development. Claire and Sarah will be modelling a typical session and explaining the theory behind this teaching approach and how it can be used at home to support your child's communication and language development.



Donations needed

Thank you for all of the kind donations that you have already made. We would greatly appreciate any donations you can provide for the children's sensory play and certain items of clothing for our spares shelves...

- * Mixing resources, e.g. flour, rice, pasta, corn flour, mashed potato, shaving foam, couscous, lentils
- * Pants socks and trousers

* **Home to school Library** - Please bring your book bags along regularly to change your library books. Please only take one book at a time and always use the book bag provided. Please return your book before taking another.

* **Labelling your child's belongings** - Please name your child's belongings - especially coats, bags and lunch boxes. We have lots of coats and bags that are the same. We also have a lot of lost property that needs reuniting with its owner.

* **Spare clothes** - Can you please send your child to nursery with a set of spare clothes in their bag and return any borrowed items as soon as possible.

* **Earrings** - There has been an increase in the number of children coming to nursery wearing hooped or 'dangly' earrings. Please note that these are not permitted in nursery due to health and safety concerns. Small studs are acceptable.



Parking

Please walk to school wherever possible or park some distance away and then walk. Our car park is very small and the surrounding roads are congested. Our car park is only for blue badge holders (spaces marked in yellow), parents dropping off or collecting children, of less than 5 years of age, and for pregnant mothers visiting our health care services.

Cars should not be parked or stationary outside the bays, on yellow lines or on or near the marked crossing and walkways. We have now begun passing registration numbers to the local police due to safety concerns regarding dangerous parking.

It is important to NEVER park or wait on the white zig-zag lines by the zebra crossing.

This puts children's lives at risk.

* It is very important that your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session. Being collected late has a negative impact upon children's emotional wellbeing. Please note that there is a late fee of **£15** for every 10 minutes that you are late collecting your child.

* Please allow us to remind you that if you need to collect your child early from nursery this is strictly by **booking only**. Doing so early without prior arrangement causes disruption to the children's end of day routine. Thank you.

* If you pay for your child's lunches, can we please remind you that payment is due no later than 12 noon the Tuesday before? If payment is not received by the deadline, a lunch cannot be ordered for your child and a packed lunch from home will need to be provided.

CELEBRATIONS

Chinese New Year



During the week beginning 5th February, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will be learning about the origins and traditions of Chinese New Year and taking part in a range of celebratory activities.

I Love You Day

On Wednesday 21st February we will be celebrating the bond we share with our loved ones.

As part of the celebration, we would like your child can wear something red to nursery, if they would like to.



Pancake Day



During the week beginning 19th February, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. There will be plenty of pancake –flipping for the children to enjoy!

NURSERY TIMES:

Our nursery session times are:

9:00am - 12 midday

12 midday - 3:00pm

9:00am - 3:00pm



We open the nursery door for collection at 11:55am on Wednesdays, due to the large number of children that are collected on this day. All children **MUST** be collected by 12:05pm at the latest. Please note that children arriving for their afternoon session will not be taken into nursery until 12:05pm.

Time Keeping - Please make sure that you arrive promptly at the correct time for your child's Nursery session. This is really important to ensure children can be greeted and settled properly.

PLEASE NOTE - The gate at the end of the pathway that links our car park to our main school entrance is now locked between 9:30am and 2:25pm to enhance site security. When accessing between these hours, the main entrance gate to the front of the Nursery School and Primary School will need to be used (by the zebra crossing). Please see the videos on our school Facebook and Instagram pages for more information.

AFTERNOON COLLECTIONS:

2:30pm collection

We operate a 2:30pm collection. If you wish to collect your child at 2.30pm, please inform the nursery office in advance. Your child will be brought out at 2:30pm. If no one has collected by 2:35pm your child will be taken back into nursery ready for you to collect at 3pm.

All children must be collected by 3:00pm. If you are late, you will be charged £15 every 10 minutes. If you require After School Club provision, please speak to a member of the Nursery Office team. Children under the age of 16 are not able to collect children from Nursery. If you require somebody aged 16-18 to collect from nursery then you must submit a request, in writing, to David Aldworth, our Executive Head Teacher.

LUNCHES: For children who attend for the full day.

The new School Lunch Menu can be collected from the nursery office.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure that grapes and cherry tomatoes are cut into half, lengthways, for safety reasons as these can be a choking risk for young children. You will need to provide a spoon and/ or fork if they have a food items that require these. Children will need a **separate drink** in their lunch box.

**DO NOT PUT ANY NUTS OR PRODUCTS
CONTAINING NUTS IN TO YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX**

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX**
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

