



Ghanshyam Nursery School

'laying the foundations for life'

We strive to provide the highest quality childcare facilities and personnel for the social, personal, cultural and religious advancement of the child

May 2023 Newsletter

What we will be learning



Bluebell Room

This month, children in bluebell will learn about their body parts with the intent to develop their gestures, eye contact and listening to new vocabulary, enhance physical development and understand their emotions. This will be implemented by using various story books, flash cards, nursery rhymes and action songs.

Parent Partnership: Parents to support children to talk about different body parts like head, eyes, ears, nose etc.



Tulip Room

This month, we are extending our learning to emotions and sensory experiences with the intent to increase their confidence; share their emotions about how they feel; becoming more aware about themselves, to explore different senses of taste, smell, see, hear and touch with the help of flash cards; story books, nursery rhymes, different textures, feely bag and different herbs.

Parent partnership — Please support your child to smell different food like cinnamon, coffee, tea, and talk to your child everyday about how they feel during different time of the day.



May Birthdays

Trisha Bhanderi 2nd Birthday - 8th May

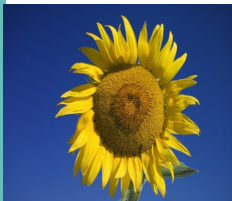
Dhrish Bhudia 4th Birthday - 11th May

Shanaya Lily-Raghvani - 3rd Birthday - 15th May

Moksh Patel - 2nd Birthday - 20th May

Ayden Kerai - 3rd Birthday - 21st May

Viraaj Somani - 4th Birthday - 23rd May



Sunflower Room 1 And 2

Wow, what a wonderful month we have had to learn about plants and how they grow. One child asked how do we grow and to fulfill their curiosity we are going to learn about healthy eating and oral hygiene this month.

To make children increasingly confident and independent in meeting their own care needs and making healthy choices about food, drink and tooth brushing will be our main objective and implemented by various story books, dummy brushing, sorting healthy and unhealthy food plates, recognising junk food, and separating and disposing waste in correct bins.

Inset days 2023

Friday 2nd June

Friday 18th August

Wednesday
15th November





Sunflower Room 1 And 2

Also you can send pictures of children exploring and helping in garden working with you or grandparents.

Parent Partnership ;

We would like parents to ask questions about different food they see at home and outside, ask children to show parents how they brush their teeth.

Governors's message

The Board of governors are pleased to inform all parents that Meghna Desai has joined us as the new manager. She brings new experience and leadership skills which will provide positive experiences for both the children and parents.

We had ofsted inspection last month and are awaiting their final report. Their draft report has downgraded us to 'Requires Improvement.' Please keep an eye on the link below:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY408297>

We shall email the report once published on the above website.

Meghna has already started working on the recommendations suggested and parents including the school community with your support should see drastic changes in the coming days and weeks.

Thank you to all the parents who shared their experience of the nursery with the ofsted inspector on the day or through emails.

We have booked the Whipsnade Zoo trip for Thursday 1st June 2023. Please refer to the letter and its content. We still have space for 7 people on the coach.

Thank you to the parents who made voluntary donations.

Trip to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, Whipsnade, Dunstable LU6 2LF on Thursday 1st June 2023.

Ghanshyam Nursery School has arranged a school trip at the above address. We will leave at 9.00am and return by 4.30pm. Everyone using the coach should arrive at school by 8.45am. Staff throughout the trip will supervise children in our care. Nursery children and any other siblings arriving with parents/guardians by private means of transport must be supervised at all times.

The policy of the month is:

Use of Mobile Phone, smart watches and camera

Please see attached policy



Child Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, kindly call or email the Nursery on 020 8909 9389 option 1 before 9.30am so we can plan staffing and activities accordingly. If you have planned absences i.e. medical appointment, holidays etc, please let us know at your earliest.

Nursery Contact

Please can all parents ensure they have the nursery number stored on their phone.

The number is or 020 8909 9389 option 1

All emails to the nursery should go to enquiries.gns@sksst.org

We are in the process of getting a new mobile emergency contact number and will advise once we get the new number.

Health & Safety

A reminder to all parents/ carers not to park in the Disabled Bays. Parents/carers should also use the main car park when dropping off and picking up their children. The cars parked in the front reverse out and it is often very difficult for the driver to see the children.



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Introduction and aims

At Ghanshyam Nursery School, we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phones, wearable technologies and other devices, are an important part of everyday life for parents/carers and staff, as well as the wider school community.

Our policy aims to:

- Promote and set an example for safe and responsible use of these technologies;
- Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones and other technologies for pupils, staff, parents/carers and volunteers;
- Support the school's other policies, including the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, Online Safety Policy and Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones and other mobile devices, including wearable devices with cameras and video recording capabilities in school, such as:

- Risks relating to child protection;
- Data protection issues;
- Potential for lesson disruption;
- Risk of theft, loss, or damage;
- Appropriate use of technology in the classroom.

Roles and responsibilities

All staff (including teachers, support staff, and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy. The DSL is responsible for monitoring the policy; reviewing it every year or sooner if necessary and holding staff accountable for its implementation.

Use of mobile phones/wearable technology by staff

Personal mobile phones/wearable devices

A wearable device is technology that is small enough to wear and that include powerful sensor technologies that can collect and deliver information about their surroundings. Wearable devices are also known as wearable gadgets, wearable technology or simply wearables. They include smart watches, jewellery and headwear. Wearable devices that can capture images, videos or voice recordings are not allowed, throughout the school - including the Early Years settings. Children must not wear or use these wearable devices in school or have them in their possession.

Staff (including volunteers, contractors and anyone else otherwise engaged by the school) are allowed to bring their personal phones/devices to school for their own use, but will limit such use to non-contact time when pupils are not present such as in the staffroom or an empty classroom but not in the corridors. Staff members' personal phones/devices will remain out of reach and sight of pupils, in their lockers or during contact time with children. This includes hand free usage. Staff phones/devices must not be used, at any time, to capture images, videos or voice recordings of pupils and must not be taken into the pupils' toilets, areas where pupils change or medical room. Staff should not wear or use wearable devices that have any application (app) that allows the user to capture images, videos or voice recordings on the school premises. No apps on phones/devices should be used for classroom purposes e.g. stop-watch.

No member of staff will carry a mobile phone/device/camera whilst carrying out intimate care. Volunteers and staff who have not had the relevant Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will not provide intimate care. See the Intimate Care Policy for more details on how we promote safe working practices for staff and ensure children's privacy.

There may be special circumstances in which it is appropriate for a member of staff to have use of their phone during contact time. A member of staff should discuss this with the manager who will decide on a case-by-case basis whether to allow for special arrangements. However, at all times, the mobile phone will remain on silent mode, out of reach and out of sight of children. If special arrangements are not deemed necessary, school staff can use the school office number (020 8909 9389) as a point of emergency contact. For instance:

For emergency contact by their child, or their child's school;
In the case of acutely ill dependents or family members.

Data protection

Staff must not use their personal mobile phones/devices to process personal data, or any other confidential school information. More detailed guidance on data protection can be found in our Data Protection Policy.

Safeguarding

Staff must refrain from giving their personal contact details, such as their telephone numbers, address, work and personal email details, social media profiles to parents/carers or pupils (past or present), through personal emails, letters, texts or connecting through social media and messaging apps.

Staff must avoid publicising their contact details on any social media platform or website, to avoid unwanted contact by parents/carers or pupils. Staff must also ensure they do not post any inappropriate content onto their social media pages that could cause slander to the setting.

Staff must not use their mobile phones or any other mobile devices to take photographs or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil. If it is necessary to take photographs or recordings as part of a lesson/school trip/activity, this must be done using school equipment. Staff must not store images of Ghanshyam Nursery School's children on personal or school devices at home.

Using personal mobiles for work purposes

In some circumstances, at the discretion of the Manager, it may be appropriate for staff to use personal mobile phones/devices for work. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

Emergency evacuations;
Supervising off-site trips;

The school provides a mobile phone which staff must use when on off-site trips.

Staff must:

Only use phone functions for work purposes, including making/receiving calls, sending/receiving emails or other communications, or using the internet;

Ensure that communication or conduct linked to the device is appropriate and professional at all times, in line with our staff Code of Conduct Policy.

Staff that fail to adhere to this policy may face disciplinary action. Please refer to the school's Code of Conduct Policy and Harrow Disciplinary Policy which the school follows for more information. Please refer to our Educational Visits and Activities Policy.

Use of mobile phones/devices by pupils

Our children are too young to have a mobile phone. None of the children should bring

Use of mobile phones/devices by parents/carers, volunteers and visitors

Parents/Carers, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors) must adhere to this policy as it relates to staff if they are on the school site during the school day.

Parents/Carers are allowed to:

take pictures or recording of their own child during school activities such as assemblies.

use any photographs or recordings for personal use only, but they are not to be posted on any social media sites.

Parents/Carers and volunteers will read and sign an Acceptable Use Policy and visitors will be given information, which outlines the acceptable use of technology at the school. They must be aware that they must not use any mobile devices/wearable technology in lessons, or when working with pupils.

If a parent, volunteer or visitor is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone/device/wearable technology, of a child who is not their own child, this will be regarded as a serious offence and will be reported immediately to the one of the DSLs or Manager.

Parents/Carers or volunteers supervising school trips visits must not:

Use their phone whilst in the presence of pupils;

Use their phone to make contact with other parents/carers;

Take photographs or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil.

Parents/Carers or volunteers supervising trips are also responsible for enforcing the school's policy for pupils using their phones, as set out in section 4 above.

Parents/Carers must use the School Office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day. They must not try to contact their child on his/her personal mobile during the school day.

Monitoring and review

The school is committed to ensuring that this policy has a positive impact on staff's wellbeing, as well as on pupils' education, behaviour and welfare.