



# Welcome

## Welcome to the Autumn term at Appletree

Welcome back to all our returning children for Autumn term. We are looking forward to getting to know all our new children and parents whilst you settle in. We have already had to close school because of the COVID outbreak in the local community however, we are pleased to report that everyone at Appletree has now fully recovered. Thank you for all your kind messages.

Please ensure that you have read and returned all paper work to the school office, including the parental agreement. This explains how we plan to work together to ensure we maintain a COVID secure environment.

## Arrival and Collection Times

**Please arrive promptly at the start and end of the sessions to help us manage social distancing and child safety**

### **Appleblossoms:**

Children are to be dropped off at the main entrance and parents must keep 2 meters apart from other families, following the one-way system (green apples). **Please ring the doorbell and a member of staff will come outside to collect your child.**

### **Nursery:**

Children are to enter at the side entrance of school. Please ensure you are prompt for arrival and collection, **at your child's allocated time** so that we adhere to COVID restrictions and keep children safe.

### Lunchtimes

We are still unable to provide cooked meals at lunchtime. Please provide your child with a healthy lunch in a labelled lunchbox.

- If you are struggling for ideas, please see the display by the school entrance
- Be aware of portion sizes to minimise food waste
- Talk to your child about what is in their lunchbox or get them to help prepare it
- Ensure that you have chopped up the fruit, vegetables etc. so that children can eat independently and safely
- School will provide drinks for children

### Children's bags

To minimise items travelling daily between home and school, please leave a bag in school at the beginning of every week, with spare clothes, nappies etc.

**To prevent items being lost, please label your child's belongings, including their bag, spare clothes and lunchbox.**

### Parent governor request

We now have a vacant post for a parent/carer to join our school governance board. This is a lovely opportunity for the views of the parents to be shared and influence decisions we make at Appletree.

If you would like more information about this, please email Sarah at [bursar@appletree.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@appletree.lancs.sch.uk)

### Keep up to date

#### Facebook

We will be using Facebook to post information, classroom learning activities and events. Please like our Facebook page to ensure that you get a notification. If you are not a Facebook user, you can access the page via our website.



#### Target Tracker

We use Target Tracker to make observations of your child, these images will be sent to you via email. If you have returned the paper work, you should have already received an initial activation email. You will need to respond to this email and verify your child's date of birth as soon as possible.



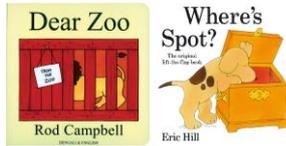
#### Contact Details

Please ensure you have given us your up to date email and phone numbers so that we can contact you in an emergency.

## Curriculum

This term our main focus is to support children's wellbeing. We will be doing this by using a variety of activities and resources, including; forest schools' opportunities and mindfulness activities, including Wilbur the worry monster, who will help the children to explore their emotions.

The books we will be using this term in Appleblossom are;



The books we will be using this term in Nursery are;



After half term, we will be introducing a lending library for the children in nursery. You will have an opportunity to speak to your child's keyworker after the half term break.

## Absences

Please remember to contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent for any reason, especially if they are unwell. Attendance is really important to help children form friendships, get used to nursery routines and to help their learning and development. If you need support with attendance please talk to a member of staff.

## Illness



Please keep your child at home if they are unwell in any way. Ensure they are fully recovered before they return to nursery.

Do not send your child to school if they or anyone from your household have any of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius or higher)
- Loss of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing
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It is vital that you let us know if you or your child have symptoms and the results of any coronavirus tests.

Keep informed: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>