



Newsletter September 2020

Welcome to Kay Rowe

Welcome to all our new children and welcome back to all the returning children. We have been working hard to make our school safe for our whole school community. Thank you for your support during this tricky time. I know we are not able to have the discussions at the door or in the setting like we normally can. If you have any queries or questions please email

sarah.porter@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk

If your question is related to paying fees or lunch money or arranging extended day cover then

please email

rofna.khatun@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk

You can also ring and speak to Sarah or Rofna.

Important Information.

Jewellery—can get caught on climbing equipment—Please send your child to nursery without any jewellery, stud earrings are ok.

Snack money—We are grateful for voluntary contributions .You will be able to make donations on the school money app - 50p a week or £5 a term .Please keep donating. This pays towards your child's healthy daily snack

Mobile phones—Please DO NOT use your mobile phone in the nursery. DO NOT take any photos in the nursery on your phone.

Please label your child's clothes and it will help us to find them if they go missing.

Tapestry



Your child will have an on-line learning profile using a secure app called Tapestry. We will be sending you information about Tapestry next week and we are going to run 2 zoom workshops where our tapestry champion Anita will take you through how Tapestry works and how to download the app.

Friday 25th September Tapestry Zoom Meeting 11.00-11.15

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73068669694?pwd=eUIPeEx4SExnVTFXL094SmIBSm5FUT09>

Friday 25th September Tapestry Zoom Meeting 4.30-4.45

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71543080701?pwd=K3d4bURUSWRXcDAXTkRjcWx3Tzl1dz09>

Please join the meeting with your video on. Anita will be able to answer your email enquiries about Tapestry and arrange a video meeting if you are having difficulties downloading it. You can contact her on anita.johnson@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk.

Outside play is a really important part of your child's development .

The children love playing and exploring outside—it really helps if they have a warm waterproof coat and strong waterproof boots or shoes and a bag of spare clothes on their peg. If they love being outside and playing with water you may want to send them some waterproof trousers as well. Please ask staff if you need advice on what to buy. Lidl often have children's rainwear on offer .



Á

Á

Á

How Children learn at Kay Rowe.

We believe that children are naturally curious about the world around them. Our nursery is a place where all children can follow their interests and lead their own learning supported by interested and qualified staff. Development is not an automatic process, it depends on each child having opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments. We follow government guidance on early years to set standards for the learning, development and care of your child during the years they are with us.

Observations

We observe children as they act and interact in their play, everyday and planned activities. We also learn from parents and carers own observations about what the child does at home.

Assessments.

We use our observations and those of parents to identify where the child is in their developmental journey

Planning

We consider and discuss ways to support the child to strengthen and deepen their current learning and development and reflecting on our relationships with the children

Á

Free flow play and independent learning.

Our nursery is a place where all children can follow their interests and lead their own learning supported by staff. Staff will observe children closely, intervene when appropriate, and plan for future play possibilities.

The nursery is set up as a workshop environment with resources at child height. Independently accessing resources allows children to become effective decision makers, enhancing their play and learning experiences. These opportunities are planned and based on children's interests and curiosities at nursery and home and new experiences which will engage them.

How do we work in partnership with parents?

As a nursery school and children's centre we are committed to working with parents and acknowledge that knowledge sharing with parents is very powerful and has a lasting impact on children's outcomes. We really encourage you to engage in your child's learning through checking in with the key person and sharing information from home, This will be harder this year and we encourage you all to email your key person and use our online learning journal tapestry.

Inclusive setting.

We are an inclusive setting working with children at all stages of development. We always focus on children's achievements and look at children as learners no matter what their starting points are. If you would like to know more about our inclusion policy please come and chat to Sarah.

Getting to know each other.

This term our theme will be 'Getting to know each other'. We are supporting the children to settle into nursery and develop their independence skills. Please support us at home by helping your child to dress themselves, tidy up their toys and of course wash their hands and wipe their own nose if they have a cold.



Forest School at Kay Rowe.

We have regular fortnightly fires at the nursery. These are very small and only a few children at a time will be able to sit round and watch the fire. It is a very exciting experience for the children and encourages lots of language as we talk about what they can see.

Forest School.

At some point during their time at nursery your child will be invited to come on a 5 week forest school program where they will go to the woods. We are so happy that COVID guidelines mean we can carry on doing this although we cannot do our normal visit to the beach at the end of the 5 weeks. We are very lucky to have a trained Forest school leader, Nadia, as part of our team. She leads the Forest school program.

Anti-racist Statement.



The recent tragic and shocking death of George Floyd has rightly galvanised support across the world for the Black Lives Matter movement, and we want to reassure our school community of our commitment to anti-racism, diversity, inclusion, and social justice within the early years, where children learn values that will build the society of the future.

We want all the children, families and practitioners at Kay Rowe to feel equally safe, as valued, respected citizens within our setting and in wider society.

As a school we have a role in ensuring that all voices are heard and valued, that discriminatory language and behaviours are challenged and that diversity in its all forms is embraced

We will be reflecting as a staff on our resources and our practice and ensuring that all our resources reflect the diversity we see across society.



schoolmoney

We have a secure online payment portal called school money. This is how you will pay your fees for lunch and extended day and full time provision. You will be sent details about school money by Rofna on monday and you will then be able to download the school money app. Rofna will send you an activation code to use with your code and then you should be able to start using it straight away to pay your fees/lunches. Rofna will let you know what happens if you pay by vouchers. Please email Rofna with any queries

Keeping your child safe!

Kay Rowe has a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all the children in the Nursery and Children's Centre. We have a legal duty to report any serious concerns to children's Social Care. We will always discuss any concerns with parents/carers first unless the safety of the child is at risk.

Nursery Doors.

Please ensure you close all doors behind you carefully as you enter or leave the nursery, checking no children are attempting to go out the door behind you.

Medicines.

Always update us with any new information you have regarding your child's health and please ensure they do not bring any medicines into school in their bags. We can only give medicine to children or apply ointment to children if it has been prescribed by a doctor

and has the child's name and dosage on the container.

Care plan.

If your child has a medical condition for example a severe allergy or asthma we may need to work with the health visitor to draw up a care plan to keep your child safe in school. Please speak to Lina if you want more information.



No nuts in school please!

We have children with severe nut allergies in school, we would be grateful if adults and children can make sure they bring no nuts into school.

Thank you

Attendance:

Why it is important to come to nursery every day!

Children who rarely miss sessions at an early years setting and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children and have

more opportunities to be valued and praised for their own special contribution.

Children who regularly miss sessions or are generally late, can frequently experience a sense of having to try a little bit harder just to understand what is going on and what other children are talking about or doing. Regular attendance, on time, helps many young children to separate from their parents or carers at the start of the day and settle more readily into daily life in their setting.

We know this year we may have to ask some of you not to come if you have COVID symptoms or to stay at home if we have a case at school but we really want to see you every day when possible.

Kay Rowe Mobile

If your child stays after school we have a mobile number you can ring and we may ring you from if you are running late or need to get a message to us quickly. The number is 07931554994

Twitter



Please follow us on twitter - this is where we give out lots of information and celebrate achievements and events.

Twitter @kayrowenursery

