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Curriculum letter – Nursery 2018

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Nursery (previously known as Kindergarten). These notes are intended to answer some of your questions, but are only a general guide. Please do not hesitate to ask us any other questions that you may have.

Aims:

- To develop confidence and self esteem.
- To develop independence in selecting activities.
- To develop fine and gross motor skills; to enable them to hold writing and implements correctly, to cut and stick.
- To sequence activities, so correct steps are followed.
- To develop socially and emotionally, i.e. to know right from wrong, treat themselves and others with respect.
- Learn to recognise letters and words in both English and Hebrew
- Learning Shabbat and the different Chaggim

Learning in the Foundation Stage

There are seven areas and aspects of learning in the foundation stage; these are:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development
4. Mathematical Development
5. Literacy
6. Expressive Arts
7. Knowledge and Understanding

Our class will reflect this by having designated areas, which your child will be taught how to utilise.

To ensure the smooth running of the unit and the safety and well being of our children we would ask you to follow these procedures:

- Please do not approach staff during class, as we must focus all of our attention on the children. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the teacher, please me an appointment.

- If you wish to discuss your child's progress or any problems, please make an appointment with the teacher in charge of your child in class.

All children need a routine and boundaries both in school and at home, they will respect parents, teachers and peers if they operate within these boundaries. We would appreciate your support in promoting respectful behaviour.

Daily Routine

- Please let us know if your child has any allergies or medical conditions, this is a nut free school. We are not allowed to administer and medication without written permission from you. All medication must be labelled and dates with instructions on how to administer. We are only allowed to administer medicines once a day – children who need to take medication more than once a day, should stay at home.
- Please may you ensure your child is in the class by 8:45am
- Children must be collected promptly at the end of the day. We must be informed if different arrangements for collecting have been made.
- The children are allowed nosh only on Rosh Chodesh (pretzels, crisps, chocolate etc NO SWEETS)
- Snacks am/pm; please send a piece of fruit or vegetable where possible. We are trying to promote healthy eating and our policy is not to allow any form of Nosh. If you have to cut the fruit, please send in labelled Tupperware container, as plastic bags can be dangerous for the children. Children staying all day need two snacks each packaged in a different container, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Food must have a hechsher (an authorised Kashrut stamp on the item.)
- Notification will be given of early Fridays closing times in the winter.
- All boys should wear Kippot and Tzizit.
- Please empty your child's tray at the end of each week.
- Please check the parent's notice board daily, as this is where we will leave important information.
- We are very keen to take a positive approach with the children and reward good deeds and Mitzvot. Could you please therefore send in a Mitzvah note for your child when he/she does something nice at home; we share all these notes during circle time and found this to be very encouraging for the children.
- Please do not send your child into school with streaming colds, bad coughs, eye infections, vomiting/diarrhoea, head lice or any other illnesses. Please inform us if your child is ill with infectious illness.
- To enable us to give your child the best positive attention, please always let us know if there are any changes in your circumstances at home, which may affect your child, enabling us to understand any changes in behaviour or attitude. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.
- Could you please send in a box of tissues each term and a pack of baby wipes to be left in their tray.

Shabbat Parties

Each week, Shabbat Abba and Imma are chosen to host our Shabbat party. Parents will be given advance notification of what their child needs to bring. We will be happy to see you in the second half of the year with your child at our Shabbat parties. This will make your child very happy and proud. We will notify you in advance of this.

Birthdays

We will send you a birthday form before your child's birthday asking when you would like to have a party as well as giving you details of what to send in. Parents are invited to donate a present to the class; the teacher will let you know what the class would like to receive.

Please send in a plain cake from a kosher bakery. Home-made cakes are not permitted. NO NUTS.

Labelling

Please ensure the following are clearly labelled, as this helps us immensely and enables us to locate and return lost property to its rightful owner.

- Lunch box
- Coats and jackets
- Spare set of clothes
- Sheets and blankets
- Painting aprons

Outdoor area

Nursery will be using the outdoor area every day in all weathers. There is water play, sand, painting, drawing, reading and music areas.

Extra activities

We are very lucky to have activities throughout the week which include:

- PE
- Music
- R'av Malachi
- Gardening
- Baking
- JOY – Joining Old & Young
- Yoga

Please keep a set of spare clothes on your child's peg. Children staying full day will need a cot sheet and blanket for the rest time. Clothes, sheets and blankets should be sent in a non-plastic bag; as these are dangerous for the children and are not permitted by Barnet council.

Your child will be well cared for and we look forward to working with you in this formative part of your child's education. Your child is your priority and we are always available to work together with the parents in our school.