



Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you're all very well. Thank you to all the parents/carers who completed our parent questionnaire. If you would still like to complete one and haven't had the chance yet, then please feel free to ask for a copy. If you would like, send me an email or a text message and I will ensure that a questionnaire is given to you. It would be great to have even more feedback and suggestions than what I've already had as they will help me to improve the service that we are currently delivering.

Our curriculum:

Lots of parents have highlighted that they would love to know more about our curriculum which is lovely to hear. In Early Years children learn through play and our job, as a setting, is to ensure that the play opportunities that are delivered are well thought out and take into consideration the interests, needs and development of all the children in our care. Since nurseries are not a compulsory part of the education system, there is not one specific curriculum that all nurseries would follow. It is up to individual settings to develop a system whereby the 7 areas of learning, as outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage Legislation, are adhered to. We have developed our curriculum and created a tool kit for the staff team to ensure that we have a collaborative approach to our teaching and learning. I will attach the staff tool kit to an email for you all to view so that you understand our process and can work together with us to support your child's development.

Reports were another topic that was raised with us recently. Years ago, reports were a compulsory part of the early years education system however this all changed so parents that have been with us for years, noticed this change. The amount of paperwork has reduced so that staff across early years can spend more quality time with the children and less time completing paperwork. However, we are looking into a faster and easier report format that we can share with the parents, possibly twice a year, so that you are aware of what stage your child is at with their development. Once we know what our new report system will be and when it will be rolled out, we will let you know.

Across the setting, there will be times that we have to have meetings with parents about their child. Sometimes this is at the request of the parent and sometimes this is at our request. Parent meetings again are not something that is not compulsory, but they are something that we offer if we feel we need to. We want the best for the children that are in our care so if at any point, you would like some advice on anything or would like to speak to your child's key person, please feel free to make a member of the management team know so that we can do our best to schedule this in at the nearest opportunity. Tapestry is always available for you to also pop questions across to your child's key person as many of you already do so, please use this feature. The same feature will be available through Blossom.

Blossom

Blossom is not yet fully up and running. Please can all parents download the 'Blossom Parent' app because soon this will be our new online system. Invitations will be sent out to your emails, much the same as when you would have set up Tapestry. Blossom will be completely replacing Tapestry so things like care diaries and observations will start to be complete on here within the next couple of weeks. If you should need any help in setting this up, please let one of us know.

Home links

From feedback that we received from our parent questionnaires, we have decided to put new systems into place that allow parents to follow our monthly topics at home. These will be known as home links. Each month when the monthly newsletter and event posters are sent out. Parents will also receive a HomeLink pack with activities ideas and things for you to do at home to extend and support your child's development.

Topics

Room	Topic	Book of the month
Apple	Let's Move!	Bouncing Babies
Pear	Weather and Seasons	Elmers Weather
Plum	Our Bodies	The Hospitals Dog
Cherry	Friendships and Kindness	ABC of Kindness
Orange	Science experiments	Love, Cuddled and Tickled Too

Please note:

- Fees need to be paid within the first five working days of each month. A late charge of £20 will be applied if this is in breach. An additional £5 per day will be added on for up to a week after the 5th working day. After this, Children's places may be suspended.
- If you are late collecting your child, the addition charge is £2 per minute that you are late. If you are going to be late, then please ring the nursery and let us know. Morning sessions end at 1pm and afternoon sessions end at 6pm.
- There is a consumable charge on the days that you receive funding. This is calculated based on term time or all through the year like a private paying invoice and sent to you monthly.
- Children's clothes items must be labelled.
- Please refrain from bringing toys into the setting as these can get lost amongst all our resources.

Please check us out on social media!

We would love more of you to follow us so that you can see our posts.



Instagram – risingstarsromford



Facebook – Rising stars Romford

 daynurseries.co.uk

We're very pleased to currently have an overall rating of 9.7! For those that haven't please don't forget to visit www.daynurseries.co.uk and leave the nursery a review.

Upcoming events
W/C 4th – World Book Day
8th – International Women's Day
W/C 4th – MANGO Day (Mother's Day).
15th – Red Nose Day
18th – St Patricks Day
19th – First Day of Spring
21st – Early Music Day
W/C 25th – Easter week

Look at all the fun we've been having!

