

# Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 1 - Sep 2024

## ELC NEWS



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### WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to the ELC and to see our new starts settling in well.



### STAFFING

We are delighted to be welcoming Rachel Barr to the DPS ELC staff team. Rachel will be starting with us in October as an Early Years Practitioner.

We also welcome Mrs Strom an early years Peripatetic teacher who will be with us every Monday & Tuesday up until the October holiday week.

### NEW STARTS

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of new pupils to Douglas ELC over the coming months.

Can I please remind you that the transition into our ELC will be made on an individual basis and to meet the needs of your child. Some children may settle quickly and attend full sessions and others may build this up over a period of time. We will plan this around what is best for your child.

Should you have any questions about your child's transition please do not hesitate to talk to our team leader Nicola.

### COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We would like to remind you that we have a wide variety of methods to communicate with you these include:

- ELC Noticeboard (in cloakroom)
- School & ELC App
- School & ELC Website
- Learning Journals
- Twitter/Facebook Group
- Newsletters
- Letters
- Email
- Text Message/Telephone

If you are unsure of any of the above methods of communication please see the details listed or contact the school office on 01555 851224 or [gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk)

We would like to continue to operate as a paperless school and ELC and provide communication through the online channels listed above.

Certain letters and forms such as Annual Data Checks and Permission Forms will still be issued as a paper copy in the ELC only.

Annual Data forms have been issued to all pupils and we would ask that you return them ASAP if you have not done so already.

If you are unable to access any of the online methods to receive our communication then please contact the school office and a paper copy will be made for you and sent home.



Our Facebook group is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Simply log into your account and then search for the group using the search tool. Once you have found it select the request to join button. We will process any requests sent ASAP.



Our Twitter page/X is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Our tag is @DouglasPrimary The page is open to all followers.

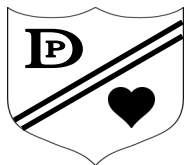


Please search for the app in your Apple or Google Play Stores. Once downloaded enter the following details to access our school and ELC  
Username: DouglasPS  
PIN: 8512

### CARE PLANS

Can we please remind you to return your child's care plan as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

The care plans allow us to gather a range of information in order to best meet the needs of your child. These will continue to be reviewed throughout the year.



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### CHANGE OF CLOTHING

If you haven't done so already could we please ask you to hand in a change of clothes for your child, this will be kept in the nursery in case a change is required.

### LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Each month we will be sending home an overview of the core skills that we will be aiming to cover within the ELC, this will be sent along with the newsletter.

Hopefully it will give you a greater insight into the nursery curriculum and allow you to see how your child's learning journal is linked to our planning.

We also have a monthly home learning STEM challenge that we issue via your child's learning journal. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. The challenge is an opportunity for you and your child to work together at home and then share your experiences via their learning journal.

### WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

As part of our planning we also focus on a wellbeing indicator each month. This month's indicator is

### SAFE



### LABELLING & TRAYS

Could we please ask you to check your child's tray at the end of each session and for you to label all your children's belongings especially ELC jumpers and t-shirts.



### LEARNING JOURNALS

We will be continuing to use Learning Journals within the ELC. The journals provide you with updates on your child's learning and allows you to share achievements from home and comment on your child's work.

Your child's learning journal will be updated at least once per week so that you can see the learning that is taking place in the ELC.

The learning journals are set up using your personal email and each time an observation is recorded in the ELC you should receive an email notification.

New parents will be issued with a permission letter for Learning Journals when your child starts within the ELC.

If you are already signed up and having issues accessing your child's journal please let a member of the ELC staff team know.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find a link below to a calendar for all the term 1 holidays and events that we have planned so far. There may be additional dates added

[Calendar Link](#)

We aim to send out a calendar at the start of each term in order to give you as much notice as possible of events that will be taking place.

A paper copy will also be issued so that you have it to reference easily at home. Please take a moment to highlight the dates that are relevant to you and your child.

### STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

You will see from the calendar that we plan to hold a monthly 'Stay & Play'. The first one is at the end of this month and is an opportunity to see the play room and join in with the MacMillian Coffee Morning that is being held in the school.

Throughout the year we will have a range of themes for our session, with information on how you can also support your child's development at home.

From the feedback we received last year the play and stay sessions are a positive experience for both parents and children. However we know that some people had concerns about not being able to attend all sessions and their child becoming upset. If this is a concern you have then please speak to Nicola and plans can be made to ensure that your child is not within the playroom to become upset.