



Welcome

Welcome to all our new families joining us this month. We look forward to building strong partnerships with you whilst caring for your child(ren). We will share their day with you via the Family App. If you need any support logging on, please have a chat with either Chloe or Shaney.

If you have any queries regarding your invoice, please contact Gail directly on: manager@smithfieldnursery.co.uk
This will ensure you receive a faster response regarding any financial matters.

Welcome to our new staff member:

We would like to welcome Naima to our Smithfield Family. Naima will be joining us on the 16th of October and will be our new staff member within the baby room. Naima will be leading our baby room, a role that she has been doing in her current job since 2016. We know that she will be an asset, bringing a wealth of experience to the baby room, and be a great support to the baby room team. I have added Naima's photo and some words from her:



My name is Naima Msaad and I have been working with young children now for about 17 years. I have learnt so much on my journey within childcare, and I am really looking forward to sharing that knowledge, experience, and passion in this new chapter with Smithfield House. I feel it's not only about what I can offer to the children, but what it is the children have taught me in return over the years and how I can now implement that through their forever changing needs, learning and play. There is always

Winter Sickness Bug:

We are entering the time of year when the winter sickness bugs make their appearance. If your child is either sick or has loose nappies, please DO NOT make your way to the nursery for their session. Instead, please call ahead, or if it's over the weekend, contact us via the Family App and we will advise you on whether your child can attend for their session. We have a very strict policy on children attending the nursery when they have vomiting or loose nappies. This policy is in place to safeguard the environment, the children, and our staff. If your child develops any of these symptoms whilst in our care, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child and to keep them home until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or loose nappy. The winter sickness bug is highly contagious and can quickly spread throughout the nursery. With your support, we can maintain an infection free environment for everyone. We have hand sanitisers throughout the nursery, please make sure that you use them before entering the nursery and your child's room.

Thank you for your continued support.

so much to offer and teach children, but I often find they are the biggest teachers and inspire us all to do better and be better always within this ever-changing world. I really enjoy working with children of all ages but have an extensive amount of experience working in a baby room and working between the ages of 12 weeks old up to 2 years. I really do love teaching and giving children the opportunity to learn new skills and watching them develop over time and having input in that process. The bonds I manage to maintain with the children, their parents and carers have been a common theme throughout my childcare years and I'm so glad I've had the opportunity to be a part of their lives just as I will for the future bonds and relationships I will create once settled in Smithfield House. I am so excited to join the team and look forward to meeting you all and working together for a brilliant bright future, the bigger challenges ahead we may face in this world, the tools we need to succeed and the success we will achieve working together as a team.

Naima x

Our Famly App:

We love our Famly App as a means of communicating between our families and staff. However, please may we ask that you avoid sending messages outside nursery hours, unless it is an emergency. The App is also linked to the team's phones. Therefore, when messages are sent as an open message to the nursery, the whole team are alerted. This then disturbs their downtime, especially if messages come through during the night. If you are simply letting us know that your child will not be attending, this can be done when the nursery opens in the morning. If you forget to inform us, we will always send you a message or give you a call during nursery hours to check all is well.

Paediatric First Aid Course:

I am still working on a list of interested parents who would like to attend. We would love to offer this to as many parents as possible therefore, we need to have at least 12 candidates in order for us to keep the cost to you at a minimum (approx. £55 per person.) Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible, so I can secure a date for the practical side of the course. You do receive a certificate of attendance which is valid for three years.

The City of London:

Working in partnership with The City of London Early Years Services is invaluable to us. They provide the nursery with excellent support, always at the end of an email or telephone call. Isabelle Britten and Verity Welch being our main point of contact. Of course, there are many others who work tirelessly behind the scenes; however, Isabelle and Verity are our 'go to' people for everything. If they don't have the answers, they will always know someone who does. Whatever events are happening for our families in the city, they will know about it! From fussy eaters, breastfeeding, Early Years funding, to school admissions, they have the answers. Their link below for you to explore.

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