

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are on to a great start to the school year - the children have started to settle in really well and are getting involved in everything. We are focusing on getting to know each other through social carpet times and settling into our daily routine. The start of a school year is always busy, so I would like to make you aware of the following:

Thank you for helping to make your child's start to school such a positive and successful experience. We encourage children's independence and confidence as they settle into nursery and become familiar with nursery routines. We will, of course, continue to provide support and reassurance to any children who still need a little extra help at drop-off.

- Please ensure that your child comes to nursery with their bag and a named water bottle and lunch box every day.
- Your child will need a complete change of spare clothes (t-shirt, underwear, trousers and socks) in nursery at all times. This is just in case of any accidents or messy play! Please ensure everything is named. Thank you to those who have already sent in a spare set.
- Forest School is on a **Tuesday** morning, week beginning 28th September. Forest school will take place regardless of the weather (unless extreme) so please make sure your child comes to nursery on Tuesday's, wearing the appropriate attire (long sleeved top and trousers/leggings). With this in mind, please send your child into nursery with extra layers of clothing during the late Autumn and Winter months, it can get very cold out in the forest, therefore the more layers the better!
- Your child will need to have a pair of wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat in nursery at all times. Although our forest sessions are on a Tuesday this term, this doesn't mean your child's waterproofs and wellies won't be used on other days throughout the week - especially as the weather begins to turn. Again, please make sure everything is named.
 - Please could we ask that your child's waterproof forest coat is kept separate from the coat they wear to and from nursery each day. The forest waterproof coat can become extremely muddy during a forest session and may not have enough time to dry before lunchtime or Discovery Time, when your child may need to wear it again.
- As it starts to get colder, please provide your child with warmer items, including hats and gloves. Again, please name these.
- Children will also pick a library book each week. This is a 'book to share at home'. The books will come home in a separate bag each week.
- It is important that children do not bring toys or similar items from home into school. From previous experience, we have found that these items can easily become lost or damaged and can sometimes lead to disagreements between friends. Thank you for your support in helping us to avoid this. If toys are brought into school, an adult will return them to you at the end of the day. We appreciate that two, three- and

four-year-olds can become little masters of sneaking things into school, so please don't worry if this happens!

- It is important that we recognise when your child does something to be celebrated at home. Please send in any photos or proud moments through the school office email so we can share them during our carpet times.
- You should have received an email from Tapestry to set up your account. If your child previously attended Acorns Nursery last year, your account should already be active. Please watch for updates. If you encounter any issues, please let me know.
- You should have an Arbor account. If you're unsure or haven't received any information, please contact the office.
- Please provide the office with an approved pick-up list and password if you haven't already. For safety, your child will only be released to approved adults. Any changes to pick-up must be communicated to us or the office in advance via phone or email.

As always, we are more than happy to answer any questions or queries you may have before or after school, so please do not hesitate to come and see us at any point throughout the year.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and working in partnership with you to best support your child.

Kind regards
April and Tam
Nursery Leads

Acorns Nursery Summary

Forest	Tuesday - Children should come into school wearing their forest clothes (long sleeve top and trousers - in warmer weather this should be in their bag to change into)
Forest Kit	Waterproofs (coat, trousers or all in one) (To be kept in Nursery) Wellies (To be kept in Nursery) Extra layers (hats, gloves and socks!)
In Nursery Bag	Spare clothes including socks, nappies and wet wipes (if needed)
Library Books	Children will receive a library book from Nursery each week for you to share at home. Please bring it back the following week.
Lunch (school dinners)	To be pre-ordered at least one week in advance. Any issues with this, please speak to the office.
Tapestry	You should've received an email to set up your account or are already set up. We aim to do one weekly update towards the end of the week.
Arbor	You should have an account set up - please speak to the office if you have any issues with this.