



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your support so far this term in helping your children adapt to the new year in Pre-School. They have all been brilliant, happy and settled in these unusual circumstances and have adapted to the necessary routines and procedures we have in place to keep us all safe, particularly singing the handwashing song as they make bubbles with the soap!

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this term's 'Stay and Play' session, to which you would normally have been invited to spend the afternoon with your child and talk to staff, could not go ahead. We would, therefore, like to arrange a short telephone conversation with you to discuss your child in a little more detail about how they have settled and their characteristics of learning. Prior to the telephone call, we will send home a copy of your child's individual learning journey. This is a collection of observations and photographs which will be built on throughout the academic year. It helps us to monitor progress, celebrate achievements and plan for their next steps in learning. After each observation, you will notice a subheading '**Aspects contributed to by this experience**'. Here, practitioners note aspects of the EYFS which have been achieved, followed by your child's **Next Steps**. These are suggested areas and activities that you can do at home to help support their learning and development.

We thought it might be helpful to explain some more about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum we follow in Pre-School and throughout the Reception year. The Early Years Foundation documents set out the learning and developmental stages for children from birth to five years. We use this as our guide to track your child's progress. You can download the parents' guide to the EYFS: '**What to Expect, When**' in order to help you gain a clearer understanding of how the children learn in the early years.

These calls will take place during the week commencing Monday 30th November (but not on Thursday 3rd December) between 9 and 11am. If any of these dates and times are not suitable for you, please inform the School Office and we can arrange a more suitable time.

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Communication between Pre-School and home is extremely important. If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us via the School Office.

Thank you for your support. Stay safe and healthy!

With best wishes

Claire Covill

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Pre-School Leader

