

## **What Happens at Bobtails?!**

Welcome!

This email is designed to help you be a part of the Bobtails routine and let you see what the children get up to on a daily basis.

In addition, a monthly newsletter will be sent out outlining specific details of things happening each month.

Please feel free to pop in and speak to any of the Bobtails team if you would like to know anymore.

### The Bobtails Routine

9.00am the door is opened by a member of staff and will be there to meet and greet you everyday.

Your child's name will be on display and their name will be on the colour card of your child's colour group. Please help your child to find their name. This is designed to be the first step in your child's name recognition process. This name can then be hung on their coloured group peg.

Please ensure that all jumpers and spare clothes etc are named.

We also have an "honesty library" for you and your child to choose a book to borrow and use at home.

Before you leave, you can settle your child in the main building. This part of our session is "free play" and is intended to settle the children and build on their social skills.

Once all the parents/carers have left, we then do registration. The children are encouraged to speak or sign good morning to their peers. Registration is very short, as we do not expect the children to be sat for any great period of time.

The snack bar is then open. This is a "rolling snack" designed so that the children can eat when they are ready. A hooter is sounded to tell the children that snack is available. Six children can be seated at one time (after finding their name and washing their hands). When a child has finished snack and tidied away their things, they then sound the hooter to indicate that there is a space available at the table. This continues until each child has had the opportunity to eat and drink. Snack of the day will be written on the white board outside to inform you what your child has eaten.

Throughout the whole session each child has the opportunity to participate in several adult-led activities. A craft, literacy or maths activity. These will either be displayed on the wall, kept for your child's journal or put in your child's drawer to take home. (Drawers should be checked every morning).

We try to take the children outside in one of our two gardens every day (weather permitting) so please provide appropriate clothing for such days e.g. coat, sun hat etc.

At 11.30am approx. we signal to the children that it is tidy up time. We are then able to sit in our colour groups for a small group time session. This either involves story time, musical instruments, jigsaws, puzzles and many other activities.

This gives the keyworker quality time with your child to help further their individual needs and developments.

Each week one child from each colour group will be given a "Bobtails Bug" to take home and look after. A book will accompany the bug for you to write a small journal of the bugs' time with you. This could include a drawing or a photo.

At 12pm your child will be prepared to go home with all their personal belongings. They will then be sent out to you in the front playground.

It is vitally important for your child's safety, if someone else is picking up your child that Bobtails are informed before this time.

We try to make every effort to include parents/carers in the sessions. Coffee mornings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month this will start the following month to the start of term. (See newsletter for the next date).

Parent consultations are undertaken each term and keyworkers/members of staff are always available for an informal chat – please just ask!

Fundraising evenings and committee events are a great way of getting to know other parents/carers and staff and normally include a glass of wine and a giggle.

If you would like to help out during a session, just ask a member of staff although we don't include wine on these sessions but a giggle is definitely included!!

We hope this helps you to be part of the Bobtails experience and again please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Bobtails team if you would like any more information.

We hope that you and your child have a happy Bobtails experience.