

*"Children are like tiny flowers: They are varied and need care, but each is beautiful alone and glorious when seen in the community of peers."*

Friedrich Froebel



## **Our nursery aims and our promise**

Your child is unique and special to us, and close working with families throughout your child's time here is crucial to their success. We will communicate openly and respectfully with parents and always be welcoming and positive about your individual culture, beliefs and family circumstances. We will do our very best to work with you to promote your child's development and learning. Our parental agreement (below) outlines some of the elements of our approach that you will be accepting when your child starts here at Langa Street Nursery.

### **Parental agreement**

Please be aware that children's learning at this age comes mostly through good quality play experiences. Children will be able to play outdoors throughout the year and in almost all weathers. This has big health benefits to children and we will not keep children indoors if they are asking to go outside.

Children will at times get their clothing messy or may get wet and require a change of clothing. Children should not wear their "best" clothing to nursery each day (except for parties and celebrations!).

You must phone us if your child is going to absent from nursery for any reason.

If your child is unwell, in general they should remain at home and not attend nursery. However please be aware of the latest guidance on symptoms that mean a child should definitely not attend due to being infectious. This includes:

- Vomiting or diarrhoea – stay off for 48 hours after last sickness/diarrhoea episode
- Cough or temperature (in relation to COVID-19) – isolate at home and get tested
- Any rash or other symptom – please consult your GP

If your home address, email address or phone number changes, you must let us know straight away. We communicate through emails, text messages, newsletters and social media (Facebook and Twitter). Please read information that we send out.

Please let us know of any changes in circumstances at home that may be affecting your child.

Please participate in any home activities that we send home (such as rhyme of the month) as much as you can.

Please keep to your child's agreed drop off and pickup times.

Children benefit from some challenge and risk in their play, and this is accepted by the Care Inspectorate, Health and Safety Executive and with the Play Strategy for Scotland. Some play activities carry some risk, and this is assessed by staff where there is a benefit to children. Some activities such as cooking on the fire, climbing and balancing and using the work/tool bench have a risk of children having minor bumps and grazes. All activities are assessed to reduce this risk. Please be aware though that these activities are part of our curriculum and will be offered to children.

Please tell us when your child achieves something at home and we would love you to send us a photo (these can be emailed to [headteacher@langastreet-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@langastreet-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk) )

If you wish to arrange an individual discussion about something, please phone to arrange this.

We ask parents to contribute to our nursery "toy fund" - £2 per week. We know that some families are under financial strain, therefore if this £2 per week proves difficult to pay, please let us know as we would like to support you.

If you wish to change your child's nursery days/times/sessions, you need to request this in writing. We can only change subject to agreement and availability and we require 4 weeks' notice.

*We have a full set of detailed policies and procedures and our nursery handbook also gives more details, both of which are available to parents on request and on our website <http://www.langastreet-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk/>*