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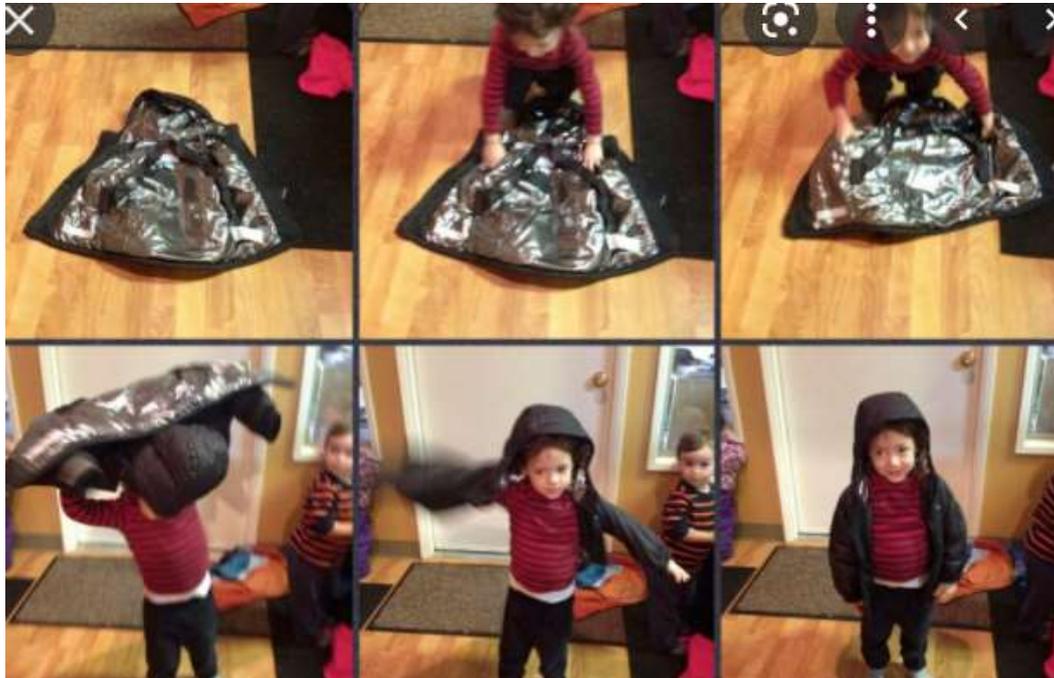
### Independent Learners

I am currently spending much time in the rooms, and this is providing a wonderful opportunity to observe first hand how your children are becoming independent as they access the learning environment, put on their own coats, go to the toilet and starting to serve their own snack.



We use a Magic Flip Trick to put our coat on at school.

1. Spread your coat out on the floor.
2. Put your feet by the hood, or neck.
3. Put both your arms in.
4. Flip your coat over your head.
5. You might need an adult to help you start the zip.



Please continue to encourage your child to do this at home!

Mrs Macdonald



## Please be Punctual!



Establishing a regular routine with children, supports their wellbeing, and fosters a good attitude to learning preparing them for primary school. Lately I have observed a number of children arriving late, after 8:40am. This means they are missing out on valuable learning opportunities, and can be upset at being met at a different door by an unfamiliar adult. Answering the front door between 8:40 and 9:00am also removes the admin team from their tasks; early mornings are a very busy time.

School sessions finish promptly at 11:30am and 3:30pm. Please ensure that you are here at these times to collect your child. They become upset when they are the last to be collected. Our staff work tirelessly throughout the day, and have much to complete once the children have left and before they finish their day. When children are collected after 3:30pm, my team end up working over their contracted hours.

**School sessions start at 8:30 and 12:30.  
School sessions finish at 11:30, 12:30 and 3:30.**

Please make an extra effort to adhere to these times. By being prompt in collecting your child, I can ensure my staff have the necessary time to recharge so that they are well placed to provide the best learning experiences for your child. I would be reluctant to introduce a late collection charge, which many private Daycare settings do, but I may have to consider this if late collections continue.

## Children in Need 19<sup>th</sup> November



It is Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. We will be collecting for this and providing spotty learning experiences! Supporting charities is part of our British Values, and learning about and embracing difference is a component of our 5 Ways to Wow! Curriculum. Please can your child wear something spotty or a Pudsey themed outfit, in return we request a £1 donation for Children in Need, to help them change young lives across the UK.

## Stay Well

It's the time of year when children (and adults) are catching and transmitting all manner of colds and viruses. We teach the children to blow their nose into a tissue, and put it in a bin straight away, as well as catch a cough in their inside elbow. If you have given your child medicine such as Calpol, or they have a temperature, they should be kept at home, until their symptoms subside.

## Governors

I am delighted that two parents have volunteered to become Parent Governors, and I look forward to introducing them to you very soon.

## Return Toys

We have so many interesting loose parts and interesting objects in Nursery and Preschool, that children love to explore and play with. Recently many of them are being 'borrowed' and finding their way home. Please can you check that such loose items are returned to school. The easiest way is to place in the Book Bag Box at the start of the session.

