



# Apple Class



Friday 18th September 2020

**Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge**

To all of our Nursery families,

We just wanted to take the opportunity to welcome you to West Borough Primary School and Nursery - Apple Class 2020!

We have loved welcoming back children and meeting lots of new families too.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Birtchnell, Mrs Charman, Miss Masoso, Miss Brown and Mrs Craddock.

## Contacting Nursery:

Due to COVID 19 restrictions it is not possible to have the all important 'chats' on the door. We appreciate this has been difficult and is strange for us too. Please use [apple@west-borough.kent.sch.uk](mailto:apple@west-borough.kent.sch.uk) if you have any important messages you would like to pass on.

We have also set up Class Dojo, an online site and app, that will allow us to communicate how your children are settling in. A separate letter and link will be sent home about this.



For absence, please use 'Notify Absence' in your ParentMail app.

## Setting In

Settling into nursery is a different journey for each child. Some children will stroll in confidently without looking back rest assured they love you lots and are just excited! However, for others it may take longer. We will always work with families to ensure that every child feels secure and happy. Tears are heart breaking but do not last forever. All of the adults have been on hand for cuddles and comfort as needed. We will be able to provide feedback through the Class Dojo; this will also help families through this time as well. A really big thank you for all of your support with dropping off your children - well done, you have all been brilliant.



## Key Person

Your child has been allocated a member of staff, referred to as a Key Person. This person will help to ensure that your child's specific needs and interests are met.

Your child's progress and learning will be captured in a special book called 'My Unique Story'. Photographs and notes about your child's playing and exploring in the nursery will be a unique record to share with the whole family. Your child will also enjoy looking at how they have changed and developed over time. Observations will be completed on paper and are linked to achieving the Statutory Framework and age appropriate goals from 'Development Matters'. This will be shared with you later in the year.



# The Curiosity Approach

Over the summer we have started to create a nursery setting with neutral tones, plainer walls, natural materials, ivy and fairy lights. Our focus is on curiosity, awe and wonder.



We also want to be a place where children feel loved, nurtured and secure. We aim to provide inspiration in a calm environment, 'Hygge'.

Hygge is a Danish word used when acknowledging a feeling or moment,

whether alone or with friends, at home or out, ordinary or extraordinary as cosy, charming or special. It helps us as a nursery to focus on personal, social and emotional areas of learning, taking things slowly and taking time to appreciate things.



The resources have become more neutral and open ended and authentic 'real life' items had become part of our standard toy rotations.



The children are playing imaginatively, questioning more, and treating the resources with greater respect.

We have created open shelving in which we set up play displays, encouraging the children to get hands on and investigate toys. Our resources are at eye level and provide invitations for learning.

