



# Tregolls Academy and Nursery

(Interim) Head of School: Mr L Rees

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Kenwyn (ARB) Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter includes important information and details about your child's learning this term.

### Our Team

First, I'd like to introduce our fantastic class team:

- Hannah Davies – Class Teacher
- Amy – Class Higher Level Teaching Assistant (qualified teacher)
- Lily – Class TA
- Carmen – Class TA
- Kathryn – Class TA
- Celine – Class TA
- Luke – Class TA

We are all really excited to be working with your child over the new academic year and look forward to exploring all the exciting learning opportunities our carefully planned curriculum and base has to offer.

### Curriculum

Kenwyn ARB has a carefully planned curriculum that is driven by the children's interests and their Individual Provision Maps (IPM). We plan for 3 topics over the year instead of 6 to allow the children to fully immerse themselves in the chosen topics and to ensure they can make progress through their individualised small and achievable learning steps:

Autumn topic: Terrific Toys!

Spring Topic: Spring & Growth

Summer Topic: Creatures Great & Small

Our curriculum is always adaptable and will change according to the children's individual or groups needs and interests. We cover a full range of primary academic subjects areas, the 7 EYFS areas for learning and development and the 5 Engagement Model areas. Our learning is always 'hands on' and we use a range of materials to motivate and encourage engagement in their learning activities. Pupils needs are assessed individually through a bank of evidence from multiple sources; each pupil has their own Learning Journey book which showcases these overtime.

Communication and language is at the heart of our learning to ensure all our pupils have a voice, whether that be verbally or non-verbal. We use a range of classroom practices to ensure the

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communication is universal such as Makaton signing and widget symbols, which we use alongside words and spoken language.

## Home to School Communication Book

Please continue to use the Home to School Communication Book to update us on your child at home when you feel it is appropriate. I will read the books first thing in the morning and will always communicate via these to update you on non-urgent information and notices – please do check these daily as this is where I will also request more nappies ect. If we need to talk about more sensitive information, a member of staff will always ring you within an appropriate time frame on the same day.

I am always happy to chat with you if you have any questions, concerns, or even if you want to share some happy news. You are welcome to ring me via the school office and I will endeavour to take or return your call as soon as I can.

## Medication

If your child has any medical needs, it is important that these are made aware to school so that a care plan can be drawn up specifically for your child which will be sent home and signed by you. We would need to have any medication declared and for any emergency medication sent to school so that it can be on hand if needed. This also applies to any pain-relieving medication such as paracetamol. Please also let school know if anything changes with your child's medical needs and that all medication is in date when it arrives at school. Staff endeavour to provide the best care for your child and information such as this prepares us for all eventualities.

## Personal Care in School

- Nappies and wipes: if your child requires support with their toileting please can you send them to school with the adequate number of nappies, and **wipes if they require a certain type**. It goes without saying that we check and change our pupils regularly throughout the day and so it is vital that we have enough nappies to support them in this area. We are happy to receive them daily or in a bulk pack but we must have them.
- Handwashing/Sanitising will continue to take place regularly though the day and before each meal time as well as during the designated times on the timetable.
- Creams: We are able to apply cream to your child for reasons such as nappy rash or sun cream but verbal or written consent needs to be given by you for this. A letter will be sent out in the new term. It is important that we are tending to their specific needs safely and so we ask that you supply creams which cater to any allergies they may have.

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## Meal Times

Mealtimes in Kenwyn Class will continue to take place in the base for all pupils, however if there are opportunities for pupils to access their main meal time in the wider school dining hall, we will support those pupils to do so.

School dinner menus continue to be viewed online, ordered and paid (Key Stage One pupils are free) for via ParentPay weekly. Parents should have been given their login details but please contact the school office if you require these again. Pupils are welcome to bring their own packed lunch too.

We understand that our children can have additional requirements around their food and feeding and we are here to support that.

Snack times continue to be a key time for our children! Not only do they love to sit down to their favourite, but it is also a great time to develop fine motor skills, communication and interaction, and also have the opportunity to explore new foods.

School provides fruit for snack times and of course water, but we would ask that if they have preferences other than these then you would send them into school. Please ensure that foods which may pose a choking hazard are cut into safe and manageable pieces.

## Attendance

It is vitally important that your child is in school to ensure they are able to make the most of their learning opportunities. Kenwyn enter via the same entrance as last year, the gate near the bike shed. There will be a member of the staff team to greet the children at this door from 8:35am each morning. Children will be dismissed from this door at the end of the school day, this includes those children using taxi transport. From time to time, there may be exceptional circumstances when your child is too poorly to attend school or they have a medical appointment. If this is the case, please inform the school office by 9am **each day of absence**.

## School Uniform

We are an inclusive school and want our pupils to feel happy and safe in their setting. Where appropriate, we ask the children to be in school uniform if they feel happy to do so; more information about what this includes can be found on our website. Equally, we are supportive of some uniform adaptations to suit the pupils individual sensory and physical needs. If you are finding it difficult to provide correct school uniform for your child, or your child is unhappy wearing parts of the uniform, please contact myself or the office and we will be happy to help.

## Diary Dates

- Mini bus trip to the local park (October - date TBC)
- Father Christmas Visit (December – date TBC)

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## **Parent/Carer Communication**

We use our social media pages (Facebook and X) and our Newsletter to share exciting learning updates and key messages. Any important information will also be emailed to you.

As you will be aware, we operate an open door policy at Tregolls. Please do not hesitate to catch me at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. You can also make contact in writing by emailing [hello@tregolls.org.uk](mailto:hello@tregolls.org.uk)

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working together to ensure your child is happy and developing in school and beyond.

Kind regards,

**Hannah Davies**

Kenwyn ARB Class Teacher

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