



Newsletter - March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clarification following the chancellor's budget 2023 announcement:

- From **April 2024**, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare.
- From **September 2024**, 15 hours of free childcare will be extended to all children from the age of nine months.
- From **September 2025**, working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week.

This staggered approach is to give childcare providers time to prepare for the changes, ensuring there are enough providers ready to meet demand.

Things to do this Easter

- [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Oxfordshire](#)
- [What's on for kids easter holidays in Oxfordshire](#)
- [Easter trails and Easter egg hunts | National Trust](#)
- [Top 10 Easter Events in Oxford](#)



Safeguarding - A quick note regarding Grandpont Nursery School and Childcare statutory role in keeping children safe. Taken from [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022](#)

Schools and colleges and their staff are an important part of the wider safeguarding system for children.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.

In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child. No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances. If children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

School and college staff are particularly important, as they are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children, promote children's welfare and prevent concerns from escalating.

All staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn.

Grandpont Nursery School has a legal and moral duty to safeguard all children, and therefore must report any indications of abuse, including responding to disclosures. Any staff member who has any concerns about a child's welfare will follow the processes set out in paragraphs 51-67 of 'Keeping children safe in education' 2022.

All staff are advised to maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.

When children leave our school, we have a statutory obligation to ensure any safeguarding information is shared with their new school/setting.

Head Teacher Update

As you know, my short-term post as interim Head Teacher will come to an end on 30th April. I am delighted to announce that following my departure, Grace Slater will be returning as Interim Head Teacher to lead the school through the next term. Grace will be at the school for four days a week, with Cat Marriot stepping up to the leadership role for one day a week.

I will keep you updated regarding any further Head Teacher news as I am able.

Reminder

- Nursery returns, following the Easter break, on Monday 17th April.
- Children attending Childcare and Holiday Club between 3rd April and 14th April will need to bring a packed lunch.

As I close my first, and most likely last, newsletter, I hope you will join me in thanking the Grandpont Team for their continuing hard work and commitment to supporting the children and families of Grandpont.

For those who get the opportunity, enjoy the Easter break.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Karen Locke