

September 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome from all the staff after the summer break, with an especial welcome to those families whose children have started at Grandpont for the first time. All the children have had a fabulous start to the new school year, and it is a great pleasure for us to be working with both the children and yourselves.

As of July the headship at Grandpont has been shared between Cat Marriott and myself (Grace Slater). I am at Grandpont on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and Cat is acting as headteacher on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In terms of communication with us, please take the opportunity to talk with Cat, myself or your child's Key Person on an informal basis, or make an appointment for a more in-depth conversation. Our online communication system - Tapestry - enables us to send you photos and information about what your child is doing during their time with us. Tapestry also gives you the opportunity to comment on the photos and messages we send you, as well as enabling you to 'like' what you see! We'd love to hear from you, so please make use of Tapestry in this way. If you're experiencing any difficulty with accessing Tapestry, please mention this to your child's Key Person, so we can support you with this.

May I take this opportunity to let you know that I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Grandpont - if you have any concerns relating to safeguarding please get in touch with me (Grace) or one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - Sarah Mason and Claire Thomas. If you are concerned about a child, or a safeguarding situation, you can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 050 7666.

If you would like to volunteer in the setting please get in touch. We would very much welcome and appreciate help with outdoor gardening in the Forest School area, with our resources (sharpening pencils, for example) or you sharing a story with children. We would need to ask you to undertake safeguarding training and have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, but are able to support you with

both. Separately, if you would like to join 'Friends of Grandpont' (our equivalent of the Parent Teacher Association) we would be delighted, and please get in touch.

I would like to confirm our Nursery INSET day next Friday (7 October) when the setting will be closed for the Nursery children due to staff training. Please note that Childcare remains open.

May I close by thanking you for all you are doing to support your child and their time here at Grandpont.

With best wishes,
Grace and Cat

Grace Slater and Cat Marriott
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