Everyone belongs at Reay; we think creatively and have a thirst for learning.

Wednesday 9th September 2026

**Welcome to Reay Nursery!**

Dear Nursery families,

Welcome to Reay Nursery and welcome back to the children who were here before the summer break too. We have had a great start to the term, the children have been busy exploring the Nursery environment and getting to know each other.

The staffing in Nursery this year is as follows

Caroline Rachel Nursery teacher Monday – Thursday

Rachel Nichols Early year educator Monday – Friday

Jihene Ouzene Nursery teacher Fridays

My planning, preparation and assessment time is on Tuesday afternoons, Jihene will be covering Nursery during this time too.

In Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, providing activities for children to access themselves and we take a child-led approach to their learning. We encourage children to explore and learn at their own pace, driven by their natural interest and curiosity. Adults in the setting observe children as they play, identifying areas of interest and development. From there, we plan engaging activities that build on these interests, helping to extend their learning in fun and meaningful ways. By allowing children to take the lead, we foster independence, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.

This term our topic is 'All About Me', we will be spending time getting to know the children and of course for them to get to know each other too! We will be talking

about our families and what makes us special and unique. Please read the attached topic square for more detail about our learning this term.

Here is a general daily timetable for Nursery

8.45am arrival and settling

8.55am carpet time

9.10am free flow activities (including snack time at 10am)

11.20am carpet time, sharing our learning

11.30am eating lunch in the dining hall

11.45am morning children go home

12 Afternoon children arrive, free flow activities

1pm carpet time

1.15pm free flow activities (including snack time 2pm)

2.40pm tidy up time

2.55pm carpet time, story time

3.15pm home time

Within free flow time we carry out focus tasks related to our termly theme and also core stories. We carry out activities 1:1 and in small groups.

Please send your children with a spare set of clothes to stay on their peg. We encourage children to use the toilets and will work with families to support with getting used to toilet training if needed. Please also send children with a labelled water bottle. Children have access to drinking water as well, but we find it works well if they have their own bottle to keep hydrated.

Please notify the school and provide a photograph if a different person is collecting your child.

Children are welcome to take a book from our class library for you to read together at home. We will change these books every Tuesday and Thursday but they can be changed any time in between too.

Outdoor play is an essential part of our daily routine, giving children the opportunity to explore nature, develop physical skills and enjoy fresh air.

Children's safety is our priority, in the case of an accident we will notify you through our online system via email. We will phone you if you child has bumped their head or if we are concerned at all.

We will take observations on software called Evidence Me, used to document your child's learning and progress across the year. We will also share some of these with families, there is no set frequency for the observations as it is dependent on activities and interactions observed. Please check your emails for an email from Evidence Me with information of how to sign up.

Please do speak to us at drop off or pick up if you have any questions or concerns. You can also email the school at admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk and they will forward any messages to myself.

We very much look forward to working with you all over the coming year!

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Rachel