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## **September 2019**

Welcome back for the Autumn term and welcome to all our new children who are starting. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and exploring lots of different activities throughout this term.

The children all look fresh faced after the summer holiday break and have lovely brand new bags/ lunch boxes/ water bottles/ coats and shoes. Please name these items, as the children cannot always tell us which is theirs.

All our new children will be allocated a key person and if you are unsure who your child's key person please ask a member of staff. Your key person is a practitioner allocated to your child within the setting, who monitors their learning and development through observations and activities.

Your child will have a book bag. They can choose a book to take home and share together and their book can be changed as often as they like. We hope you enjoy this experience.

Please can you provide a pair of indoor shoes / slippers to keep at Kookaburras. This is for your child's comfort and warmth when inside and keeps the inside area nice and clean, keeping bacteria to a minimum.

General reminders:

- Please bring a **healthy donation for our snack table for EACH session** your child attends.
- Please send your child in with a **named water bottle** which should include a non-fizzy drink.
- Ensure all lunches are healthy. Check the sugar content!
- All children need a change of clothes in a **named bag** .
- Please ensure children have **jumpers, coats / raincoat** for the ever changing weather and ensure that they are CLEARLY named.
- Inform us of any allergies or medical needs.
- All medication and inhalers need to be given to a member of staff and signed in.
- Keep all contact information up to date, incase we need to contact you in an emergency.
- Inform us immediately of any sign of illness with your child and please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should be kept home for **48 hours** after recovery.

Our flexible session times means you are able to choose your exact session requirements to suit your child and your family. Please ensure that you stick to these agreed times as we need to arrange the ratio of staff to suit these requirements.

In order with Ofsted regulations we must be able to explain any changes in attendance and therefore require a telephone call if for any reason your child cannot attend that day. If you want to make permanent changes to your session times, please speak to Ali. There is a 4 week notice period to make permanent changes as free funding entitlement could be affected.

You may be able to apply for 'Healthy Start' allowance. This is free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fruit and vegetables, also vitamins! To see if you are entitled please visit - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Please remember to check the porch board, front door and our facebook page for regular updates.

Kind Regards Lou & The Team

Term dates :-

**Autumn term** 2nd September - 13th December 2019

Half term - 28th October - 1st November

**Spring term** 6th January - 3rd April 2020

Half term - 17th - 21st February

**Summer term** 20th April - 17th July 2020

Half term - 25th - 29th May