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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for choosing Canvey Island Infant School's 'Pebbles' Nursery for your child's early years provision.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to our Nursery and to welcome you to our school community. Positive partnerships with parents and carers are extremely important and we value the contribution you make to your child's education.

To keep you informed of news and events in the school, you will receive all whole-school letters, including half-termly newsletters, along with any letters appropriate to Pebbles. Please remember to check the website regularly too – we sometimes promote events and offers from outside agencies that may be of interest to you.

A member of Nursery staff will be available at the end of every session, should you have any worries or questions, so please do speak to them and they will do their utmost to resolve any problems. I do ask that, should you have any issues with any aspect of Pebbles or the school, please do contact me and do not air your grievances on social media. I promise to do everything I can do resolve any situation following school policies and local authority procedures. Contact details for the main school office are at the top of this letter so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would like the children who attend Pebbles Nursery to be part of the whole school community and look forward to seeing them in the main school building. They will have opportunities to use the facilities and to see the other children in their classrooms, with the intention that their transition to the Infant School will be less daunting.

In line with the rest of the school, please remember that **no jewellery**, including earrings and watches, are allowed to be worn in the Nursery. Children participate in physical activity every day and we do not want any injuries to occur at any time. Newly pierced ears will need to be covered with sticking plaster before coming into school and earrings removed as soon as they are healed. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please wait until the start of the long summer holiday to enable them to heal before school starts again in September.

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If your child has long hair, please tie it back so it does not get in the way of their learning activities. Should your child wish to wear a head band or bow, please try to keep them small.

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure you send your child into Nursery with a water bottle. The bottle must have a **sport cap** and contain **clear water** only. Water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £1.20.

### **Parking**

Please remember that this school is located in a residential area so please make sure that you park considerately and safely. We do receive lots of complaints from neighbours regarding some parents parking illegally and, in some cases, extremely dangerously.

### **Gardening**

If you are available for an hour or two to give the pots, planters and Swann Garden a tidy up we will be very grateful. Please phone or email the school office to say when you are available and I will get the trowels out!

### **School Facebook page**

If you are a Facebook user, please join our official group where general updates and reminders are posted.

### **Contact Details**

If your contact details change, please make sure you let Mrs Kiln know in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please also inform Mrs Kiln if your child's collection information needs updating, as we will only release your child to a person on the going home list.

...and finally, thank you for choosing Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery for your child. I look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington  
Headteacher

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