

# Learning Journey Drop In Session

19.1.18

## Parents with Children in Nursery.

Dear Parents,

In our Foundation Stage Unit at Smithy Bridge School, as part of the assessment of your children, staff spend time working alongside them and planning their individual next steps. This information is collated in their own 'Learning Journey' book. Their Learning Journey will contain observations, examples of their work and photographs. For the observations, we use a programme called '2Simple' on iPads to collect and collate all the information, which will be printed out and bound for you to look at.

Obviously, as we have only been at school one full term, so the 'Learning Journeys' are just beginning to evolve but we thought you would welcome the opportunity to see how we record this information and how it is used to inform our planning and teaching of your child. We are therefore inviting parents to a 'Learning Journey' drop in session on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. We are keen to involve parents as much as possible in their child's Learning journeys and so during the drop in session, we will be inviting you to write any comments/observations that you may have about their Learning Journey onto 'Post-it notes' to be included in their book.

For Nursery children that attend 'all day' on a Wednesday, parents can choose from two sessions. There will be a session at 9.05am - 9.35am (we will invite you in after all the children have been registered) and one at 2.50-3.20pm (giving us time to gather the children back on the carpet to see them out safely).

For morning Nursery the session will be 9.05-9.35am and for afternoon Nursery the session is 2.50-3.20pm. We will open the gate at the bottom of Bridge North Drive at 2.45pm to let you in. During the session, you and your

child will find a quiet place in the Unit to sit down, look at and share the Learning Journey together. Staff will still be teaching the other children and so unlike a parent consultation appointment, this is not an opportunity to meet with and talk to staff about individual children.

We will provide another opportunity for you to look at your child's Learning Journey later on in the school year so that you can see how their Journey evolves and the progress that they continue to make.

We very much hope that you are able to join us at our drop in session and that you enjoy the opportunity to share your child's Learning Journey with them. Please return the slip below ASAP indicating which session you are going to attend.

Many Thanks,

The Early Years Staff.

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Name of child..... Class.....

I will OR /I will not be able to attend the Learning Journey Drop in Session on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

I will attend the session at 9.05-9.35am OR 2.50-3.20pm

Signed .....