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Dear Future Families of The Fern Federation,

We are all so excited that your child will be coming to join us in our Nursery classes from April 2026, and would love to get to know you and your child more as we prepare them for starting with us.

Over the next couple of weeks, we have the following opportunities for you to come and see us:

- 17th March 2026, 2:30-3pm – Meet the Teacher; an informal opportunity to come into the classroom and meet your child's class teacher, as well as other families who are starting in April.
- 20th March 2026, 10:30am or 1:45pm slots – New Starters Easter Egg Hunt at Craig Yr Hesg Primary School site; an opportunity to have fun together with a sweet treat at the end.
- 25th March 2026, 1:30-2:30pm – Stay and Play; Opportunity for families and children to come into our Nursery setting and get to know each other as well as ask questions.

Starting school can be a time of mixed emotions, but please know we are here to support you in whatever way we can. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions that will hopefully let you know a bit more about what to expect after Easter.

When will my child start and what time will their session start?

Our new Nursery children will start on **Wednesday 15th April 2026**, and sessions will last from **9-10am**. Doors open at 8:50 am and close at 9am. This allows a 10-minute window for all children to arrive at school on time.

Sessions will remain at one hour initially and will be reviewed with you depending upon how your child settles into school. Each child is considered as an individual on their own journey, and may need a bit longer to settle. It is important they feel happy in the transition to school so we can embed positive mindsets ready for a busy morning of learning.

Please note that by accepting a place in The Fern Federation, you are confirming that you are willing to commit to our morning placement of 15 hours a week until the term after your child turns four.

How does dinner work?

Children will be having dinner in school at 11:40am before being picked up at 12. Children can bring a packed lunch or order a hot meal from the school. A code will be given to you to pay for school dinners when your child starts.

In order to best support your child with the multiple transitions around dinner time, we kindly ask that you rehearse to build your child's confidence and independence in using the toilet, washing hands and using cutlery to eat food. If there are any concerns in these areas, please do let us know so we can support your child's development. We would highly recommend speaking to your health visitor too who will be able to guide you with further information and resources to use at home.

What should my child bring to school?

We have a healthy snack every morning so please send in a labelled piece of fruit for your child.

Children can also bring in their own drink bottle to drink from throughout the day (no fizzy drinks please).

Please provide spare clothes in your child's bag just in case of any accidents. These can be left in school on your child's peg or brought in each day. All clothes and items brought into school should be labelled with your child's name to enable us to give the correct items to each child at the end of each day.

While we know the initial parting from home and going into school can be tricky, we kindly ask that children do not bring items such as toys or dummies into setting. Children usually settle quickly with everything available in the Nursery environment. If your child has a particular interest/something that helps them settle, please let us know and we'll do our best to replicate within the setting.

How can I keep in contact with the Nursery team?

We use an app called Class Dojo which you will be given a code for. This is for you to directly message the staff in class and for staff to send out any messages about events or things happening in the class and to keep you up to date.

Drop off/pick up times can be quite busy so staff are only available for quick messages at this time. If you would like opportunity to have a longer conversation, please let staff know and they would love to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon, however if you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to contact the school offices on the numbers at the top of this letter.

Best wishes,



Mrs Sarah Haggett

Executive Headteacher