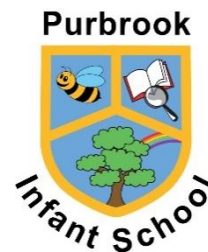


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Dear Parents/Carers

Subject: Exciting new Nurture group

I am delighted to share with you that we are establishing a focused nurture group at Purbrook Infant School. This initiative has been devised to provide small-group sessions away from the classroom that concentrate on building confidence, resilience and targeted learning opportunities, while also offering our children the chance to contribute meaningfully to the local community.

The group will meet for approximately one hour each week and is being carefully planned by Mrs Bailey with a clear emphasis on developing children's executive functioning skills — including working memory, resilience and perseverance. The sessions will be led by Mrs King, whom many of you will know both as a long-standing early years practitioner and as our dedicated Family Liaison Officer. Together they will ensure that each session is purposeful, well-structured and responsive to the children's needs.

A key feature of this nurture group is its community focus. The initial project will support our local care home by creating and delivering an afternoon tea session for the residents. The children will have the opportunity to attend the care home, play games with the ladies and gentlemen, and help provide afternoon tea. To prepare, the group will meet weekly to plan the session: they will consider budgeting and money, make informed choices about healthy and occasional sweet treats, travel on the bus to visit Asda and go shopping, map their route, learn new games and apply a range of mathematical skills to measure and prepare food. Through these activities the children will not only acquire practical life skills but also see how they can make a valuable contribution to others.

Overall, this nurture group will give children an enhanced sense of purpose and importance, while incorporating curriculum learning across English, mathematics, geography and science. It is intended to promote social awareness and responsibility, and to deepen the children's appreciation of community outreach.

Please do not be concerned about why your child has been selected. This is a wonderful opportunity suitable for any child; in an ideal world we would offer it to all. Your child was chosen because they have demonstrated considerable resilience over the past year, have worked hard and have shown a desire to be kind and engaged members of our school community.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs King or Mrs Bailey.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher