

### **Birthday parties / Festivals etc.**

If your child is having a birthday party and inviting children from the class, the distribution of invitations must be done outside school, as children who are not on the guest list can feel upset and isolated. Please do not ask school personnel for phone numbers or addresses of children in the class. Schools, like all institutions, must adhere to the terms of the Data Protection Act.

We celebrate festivals such as Halloween, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and Easter as part of the overall school curriculum. However we discourage the practice of exchanging cards and/or gifts in school. Again, those who do not receive presents and those who may not celebrate some of the festivals feel upset and isolated.