



Thursday 28th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the government has asked schools to prepare to be open for more pupils from June 1st. We have been working hard to make sure that school is as safe as possible for our children and staff when they return and that means that the children will notice some changes to the classrooms when they come back. I am writing to let you know what these changes will be and what plans will be in place to make Nursery as safe, supportive and positive for your children as possible.

Will you be enforcing 2m social distancing for the children?

No. It is unrealistic to expect our children to socially distance in this way. Our plan is to keep our Nursery children in a smaller 'bubble' with no contact with any other groups from the school whilst at the same time making reasonable adjustments to the learning environment to reduce risk wherever we can.

Who will be teaching our children?

To reduce the number of children in the nursery setting at one time, the nursery children will attend either a morning session or an afternoon session only. The bubbles in nursery will be led by Mrs Pugh and Mrs Lewis.

Are there any changes to dropping the children off or collecting them?

Children will be entering and leaving the nursery at their usual door, however please observe our social distancing measures outside the nursery.

The children in the morning bubble will start nursery at 8:30am and finish at 11:30am; those in the afternoon bubble will start at 12:30pm and finish at 3:30pm. Please be punctual so we can ensure that distancing measures at drop off and collection keep you and your child as safe as possible.

Breakfast Club will still be available from 7:30 a.m. each morning but the school will run after school club until 5.30 p.m. **Please note that we cannot guarantee social distancing at either of these clubs. Usual charges apply.**

When will Nursery be open?

Nursery will be open for the children from Monday to Friday. However, Nursery will be closed on Wednesday afternoons for deep cleaning and planning and preparation time for staff. Your child will need to be collected at 11:30am and there will be no afternoon bubble.

What will happen at lunchtime?

A lunchtime provision will only be provided for children of keyworkers.

What changes have you made to the Nursery to make sure it is safe for our children?

The safety of our children and staff is our absolute priority and has been the driving force in everything that we have done. We are also aware that the children's return to school should be as purposeful and enjoyable as possible. Some of the measures in place include:

- Space has been created by moving furniture.
- A limited selection of toys will be provided each day, with the rest being stored for another day. At the end of each day, the equipment used will be cleaned or stored away for at least a week where cleaning is not possible.
- We don't know when the government fruit and veg scheme will be in place, so children may bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home in their lunch box.
- Children will use the toilet one at a time. They will all wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before and after eating.
- No other belongings from home will be brought in.
- Sand, water and playdough areas have been removed.

What happens if a child or member of staff in Nursery shows symptoms of COVID-19?

The government guidance states that children or staff who develop symptoms should be sent home and tested. If they test positive then all of the children and staff in their 'bubble' or group should isolate at home for 14 days and the bubble closed for that period, but the rest of their family will not need to unless they develop symptoms.

Will staff or children be wearing PPE?

No, we have been advised that this is not necessary unless we are supervising a child who has developed symptoms of COVID-19.

What do the children need to bring?

The children should wear clean clothes each day and bring in a named water bottle that will stay in school until the summer holidays and be washed by our staff at the end of each day.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr James.

We look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Best wishes,

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