

20th May 2020

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware there have been many discussions between scientists, ministers etc about whether it is safe for schools and Early Years settings to reopen on June 1st.

We are working towards that date and I have been completing lengthy risk assessments following the governments guidance and it is clear that nursery will be a very different environment in the short term and one that children and staff will hardly recognise.

Some of the measures are as follows:

- We will introduce a temporary cap on numbers initially, offering places to our school leavers, vulnerable children and children of key workers. Other children will be phased in gradually.
- Drop off and collection will be different. Only one parent who is symptom free will be allowed onto nursery grounds and will not be allowed into the building. We will be taking children in from our garden entrance via our driveway alongside the scout hut. A staff member will then take the children to immediately wash their hands. Spare clothes will need to be in the child's bag as we are no longer allowed to use nursery clothes. If the weather is warm sun cream must be applied by the parent prior to arrival. Please respect staff and other parents/children and distance yourself 2 metres apart. If parents are shielding, they should not drop off or collect. Vulnerable staff will remain at home shielding.
- If children attend more than one setting, parents should choose which setting the child will attend to avoid cross contamination from one setting to the other.
- Children will be organised into small groups or "bubbles" together with the same staff member and will move around the nursery in their bubbles. Snack times and lunch times will be staggered with children remaining in their bubbles. As a bubble of children moves from an area, that area will be cleaned before another bubble moves into it.
- Please ensure we have three emergency contacts that are able to collect your child within 30 minutes of receiving a telephone call. Please do not send your child into nursery if they are on anti-biotics or need medications such as Calpol etc.
- Following guidance, we have removed a lot of resources and equipment such as blankets, soft toys, dough, sand, water etc and everywhere has had a deep clean when we closed and will again prior to opening.
- Children must not bring in any comforters, toys or blankets or anything other than their change of clothes, coat and sun cream. Buggies, bikes, scooters etc are not able to be left at nursery.

Outstanding Childcare from 3 months to 5 years.

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I understand how worried and concerned you must be. It is impossible for small children to socially distance from each other and staff members and we cannot and will not stay apart from your children. Their well being is paramount and we will do everything to ensure that they feel safe and secure in their surroundings and if they need a hug, they will have one!

Staff will NOT be wearing PPE unless a child displays symptoms. The child will then be isolated with an adult wearing PPE until they are able to be collected.

As you can appreciate this is just a snapshot of the full risk assessment which will be available for parents to read.

It would be useful for me to know how you feel as parents about our reopening and whether you will be returning your child in the near future. As such a short survey is being compiled and will be available shortly via links on our website and the parents Facebook group.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. E. Thompson." The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lesley Thompson

Director / Head of Nursery