

Keeping your child safe at nursery

Information for Parents



This information leaflet has been produced to help you understand how the nursery will operate during Covid-19 restrictions.

We realise that this is a very anxious time for parents but we have many procedures in place to ensure that the nursery can be as safe as possible.

Please be reassured, your child will still be learning and having lots of fun!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

- ❖ Each group will be allocated a drop off and pick up time. This will limit the number of parents at the door at any one time.
- ❖ It is very important that you come at your allocated time.
- ❖ If you are early/late you will be asked to wait at the far end of the entrance until all other children have been dropped off/collected.
- ❖ There is a designated entrance and exit.
- ❖ Please keep 2m apart if there are other parents waiting. There are markers on the wall to help you
- ❖ Please wear a face covering when you come into the nursery grounds. This will help keep other parents and nursery staff safe.
- ❖ Staff at the front door will also be wearing masks.
- ❖ Children must not come to nursery if they have a cough or high temperature. These are possible symptoms of Covid and you are required to have your child tested and follow guidance provided at the time. You must notify the nursery immediately if your child shows any possible symptoms.



THE NURSERY PLAYROOMS

The 3-5 playroom has been divided into 4 learning zones. 2 groups of children will be in each zone.

- Children will remain in their zone with their keyworker. There will be a maximum of 16 children in each zone,
- They will be unable to mix with any children who are not part of their zone.
- A variety of resources will be available in each zone.
- Staff will undertake additional cleaning throughout the day.
- Children will be outside for 50% of their day. They will spend either a morning or an afternoon outdoors. The outdoor area has been split into 2 areas and children will stay within their designated area.
- Please provide outdoor clothing for your child as we are unable to use our outdoor clothing at the moment. Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket, trousers and wellies.
- We still have lots of resources for the children to enjoy. They will all be washed by staff at the end of every day. We have removed all soft furnishings and toys that cannot be easily cleaned.

The 2-3 playroom has a maximum of 15 children at any one time so there is no need for the playroom to be split into groups. However, all other measures will be in place.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS

- ✚ There is no requirement for young children under 5 years to socially distance. However, staff must keep 2 metres apart from each other at all times
- ✚ Children will wash their hands as soon as they enter the nursery and at regular intervals throughout the day. Children will be supervised at all times when going to the toilet and handwashing.
- ✚ We will spend time every day discussing hand washing and good hygiene practices.
- ✚ Staff are not required to wear face coverings when working with the children however they will be worn if staff are carrying out First Aid or personal care.



LUNCHES AND SNACKS

A new lunch menu has been issued. It is also available on our website. At this time, we are discouraging packed lunches due to infection control. If this is difficult for you, please phone and speak to Marie or Jane.

Children will have their snack and lunch in their designated zone. There will be no self-service and staff will ensure that strict hygiene procedures are followed.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD IS UNWELL?

- If a child displays any possible Covid symptoms i.e. a cough or high temperature you will be contacted immediately and asked to collect your child.
- An isolation room has been established in the nursery. A child displaying symptoms will stay there with a member of staff until they are collected. Staff will be required to wear PPE when looking after a child.
- It is extremely important that emergency contact numbers are kept up to date. We must be able to contact someone at all times.
- You must follow National Guidance and arrange a Covid test for your child. You must inform the nursery of the outcome as soon as it is available.



WHAT HAPPENS IF A MEMBER OF STAFF IS UNWELL?

We will follow National Guidance and keep you informed if a member of staff has Covid-19

CHILDREN ADAPT TO NEW RULES VERY QUICKLY.
YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE LOTS OF FABULOUS
LEARNING OPPORTUNITES EVERY DAY AND ABOVE
ALL..... HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

