



Covid Newsletter Nursery

Here is some information about the Covid measures in place in nursery to protect your child and put your mind at rest. While the classroom and routines will look different, we will ensure that your child will benefit from a positive learning experience and enjoy being with their friends.

Drop off/Pick up: Our staggered **start time is 9 am and pick up is at 3pm prompt**. One adult per family is to enter through the front gate and line up in a socially distanced way outside the nursery door. We will take your child in and return them to you at the door, so please wait patiently for us to do this. If you need to discuss anything with us at length, we will be happy to arrange a phone call.

Hygiene: Hand-washing will occur at least at hourly intervals, where children will be split into two groups (bathroom sinks or classroom sink) to undergo supervised, modelled washing. **You will need to send them in clean clothing every day, please.**

Toilet: Supervised toilet use with a maximum of 2 children at a time. Staff will fully clean toilets and sinks in the middle of the day.

Snack: Children will split into key worker groups mid-morning and mid-afternoon for a supervised snack time. Adults will disseminate the food and ensure clean hands first.

Dinner: Pack-ups or school dinners will be served on tables or on a picnic blanket to ensure some distancing. Children will wash hands first.

Ventilation: The windows will always be open, so **a jumper or cardigan will be needed**.

Outdoor play: Staggered times on the yard or in the Early Years garden, so that nursery and reception are out separately. Equipment to be wiped down after use eg bike handles/seats.

Equipment: Children will keep shoes on in order to cut down on any congestion in the cloakroom. Children will receive their own set of pencils in a designated, named case, which is easy to wipe down. Individual pots of playdough will be allocated on a group basis, so that everyone has a go over the week. You will see limited resources in the class – this is in order to make the daily cleaning routine manageable. Boxes of resources will be rotated and cleaned. Books will be quarantined and rotated. Most soft toys or furnishings have been removed to avoid contamination.

Social contact: Our children will be in their own nursery bubble with the same members of staff, so will not come in to close contact with other classes. The DfE recognises that social distancing between children of this age cannot be guaranteed, but there are still systems we can introduce to cut down on any risk: Children will be trained and educated about no close contact and why eg giving a virtual cuddle instead, reading *While We Can't Hug* and daily PSE sessions aimed at emotional recovery and restoring trust and confidence. We will still show warmth and kindness to your child and recognise that it may take some time for them to get used to new routines.

Remember - your child's emotional welfare is an important priority for us. We care very much about how your child feels and want you to drop them off safe in that knowledge.

A comprehensive Covid risk assessment is available on the school website. Staff have worked hard to plan for a safe environment, so that your child can get back to learning safely.