

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware all schools will be open for every child in September.

I understand that some of you may be a little apprehensive about returning and things will look a little different as we put arrangements in place to make the setting as safe as we possibly can. We have completed a risk assessment and have put health and safety processes in place. Some of these are listed below:

- Working to ensure that children and staff do not attend school, or get sent home, if they have Covid-19 symptoms - and get tested.
- Regular hand washing
- 'Respiratory hygiene' such as covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing and employing the 'Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.' tissue method, followed by hand washing
- Frequent cleaning
- Reduced contact and mixing

You can help prepare your child by teaching and modelling good hygiene practice and by walking to nursery if possible.

If your child or anyone in your family shows symptoms of COVID-19 you must self isolate at home and seek advice regarding testing. Symptoms at present are:

- High temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Change or loss of smell or taste

You must ensure all 3 of your emergency contacts are up to date and are able to collect your child in the event of an emergency or they become ill. You must be able to collect your child within 30 minutes of receiving a telephone call.

In addition:

- Children must not bring in any comforters, soft toys, blankets, toys or anything other than their coat, spare change of clothes, sun cream and packed lunch if they need one. We are limiting how much comes into the preschool.
- If your child is staying for packed lunch we ask you pack only products which can be opened easily, they struggle with some items such as frubes and little pots. Please ensure your child can be independent with their lunch. Remember all fruit such as grapes and blueberries and also cheese must be cut into tiny pieces to avoid choking.
- Catch it, Kill it, Bin it, wash your hands will remain our policy - please continue this at home. Also try the coughing into your elbow.
- We have removed a lot of resources and equipment such as blankets, soft toys, dough, water, sand etc. and have cleaned everything in sight. We will continue to clean up during the day as usual and at the end of the day do a thorough clean.

If children are unwell, we will be asking that they stay at home to reduce the risk of spreading infection. Hand sanitiser dispensers have been installed around the setting and the cleaning regimes have been strengthened. We are looking forward to seeing all the children again and are grateful for the support and understanding that you have shown us since the pandemic began.

What parents need to know about starting nursery/school in September:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>