

Coronavirus guide to parents.

With immediate effect parents will be expected to follow these guidelines when dropping children off and collecting them from Preschool. This guide along with our Coronavirus policy have been based on government guidance for as long as we are battling this pandemic and we will all look forward to being able to return to our normal ways as soon as we are allowed to.

- Preschool is currently open to children that fall into one of the following categories – 1 parent is a keyworker, vulnerable children or children with a EHP.
- From the 1st June 2020 in line with government advice Preschool will open to all children starting school in September 2020.
- At the moment we anticipate that any other child that doesn't fall into the categories already mentioned will return to Preschool in September 2020. We recognise that some of these parents/children may need care before September 2020 so we ask that these parents contact us to see if we can help in anyway.
- If at any times demand for places outweigh our staff ratios places will be offered on a priority basis –
 - Keyworker children
 - Vulnerable
 - EHP Plan
 - Pre-schooler requiring additional support in order to prepare them for school
 - Pre-schooler with both parents working – Non keyworker
 - All other Pre-schoolers
- If at any point between June and September we feel that we can safely include additional children from the group that will currently return to us in September 2020 we will contact those parents to offer a space.

Arrival to Preschool

- We will have staggered start times between 8.45am -9.15am and urge parents to arrive on time and maintain social distancing at all times. Please do not hang around Preschool entrance chatting.
- We ask that only 1 adult accompanies the child to the setting and 1 adult collects the child at the end of the day.
- There will be hand sanitiser available and everyone entering the building will be expected to use this as soon as they enter.
- We ask that drop off is completed as quickly as possible and social distancing is maintained at all time.
- Collection times – Please let Victoria know what time you plan to collect so we can make a note in the diary and avoid any busy periods.

In the setting

- Preschool staff constantly promote good hand hygiene, and this will continue to be promoted at every opportunity. Handwashing and the catch it, bin it, kill it approach will be

followed. Public Health England is clear that if Early Years Settings follow this guidance then the risk of transmission will be lowered.

- No visitors will be allowed in the setting with the exception of professionals in relation to vulnerable children or children with an EHP.
- We are very lucky to have such a lovely large outside space to enjoy and subject to weather conditions we will encourage outside play, it goes without saying that no child will be forced to play outside if they prefer to be inside.
- Preschool is always thoroughly cleaned at the end of each session and this will continue with extra attention given to frequently touched areas using suitable detergents.
- In line with government advice all soft furnishings have been removed and certain toys that are harder to clean have been put away. Despite this staff will ensure that the environment remains warm and welcoming and there will be plenty of toys and activities that they can partake in safely.
- Unfortunately, we can't allow children to bring any toys or comforters into the setting under any circumstances.
- Staff will be given the option to wear any PPE they may feel more comfortable wearing, but this is a personal choice.
- We are aware that some settings plan to take children's temperatures throughout the day. At Preschool we will not be doing this, we feel that not only is this intrusive and potentially unsettling for the child government advice clearly states that routine temperature testing is not a reliable method for identifying Coronavirus. The guidance states that settings should reiterate to parents the need to follow the standard national advice on the kind of symptoms to look out for that might be due to Coronavirus.

Suspected Coronavirus in the setting

- If anyone in the setting becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or high temperature the following actions will be taken.

CHILD

- The parent will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. Whilst waiting for the child to be collected the child will be taken into the top room with a member of staff.
- The parent will be asked to collect the child from the Top room entrance (white door) to prevent the child having to re enter the main room.
- If the child needs to use the bathroom whilst awaiting collecting then they will use the one off the corridor in the top room which will then be isolated until after a thorough clean has taken place.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear full PPE whilst with the child which will include a face mask, shield, apron and gloves if it is not possible to maintain a 2m distance from them (such as for a very young child or a child with additional needs).
- The child and immediate family should then present themselves for testing and inform Preschool of the result at the earliest opportunity. If a negative test is confirmed they will be allowed to return to the setting once well again.

STAFF

- Staff member immediately sent home and asked to test. It is our intention to allow for this within our planning so that there is capacity so ratios will not be affected.

Confirmed Coronavirus in the setting

- The individual with the confirmed case of Coronavirus should self-isolate for 7 days and all members of their family living in the same household should self-isolate for 14 days.
- When a test has confirmed a case in the setting all children and staff in the setting (the wider preschool group) will need to self-isolate for 14 days. The household members of this wider Preschool group will not have to self-isolate unless the staff member or child from preschool subsequently develop symptoms.

Childs Name –

Parents Name –

Signature –

Date –

I have read and agree to follow these amended procedures until I'm advised that they are no longer required.