
COVID19 SAFETY MEASURES

Our plan is based on 4 key principles:

1. Safety - the continued safety and wellbeing of our school community
2. Learning - continuation of much needed learning and development for our children
3. Managing our capacity - careful capacity planning based on staff availability and amenities
4. Protecting our 'bubble' - the school will be treated as a fully sanitised 'bubble' limited to our children and staff only

These principles will guide all our policies and procedures throughout our operational plan my staff and I are on hand to support you through the process.

Teaching Groups and Spaces

1. Social distancing measures will be followed throughout the school to minimize contact. New markings and signage have been placed throughout the premises to clearly indicate new distancing measures.
2. Each member of staff allocated to a specific 'bubble' will wear a coloured apron for children to easily identify their bubble (each child will be given a corresponding coloured sticker). Staff changes will be kept to a minimum during this period.
3. Children will be divided into 'bubbles' and allocated a dedicated member of staff (this may not be their keyworker initially), who will teach this 'bubble' until it is deemed safe to adjust this policy. Please be sure to familiarise yourselves with allocated bubbles, their respective colour and assigned teacher.
4. Groups of children who are 2 years + will operate from the main classroom, which will be divided into two separate teaching areas. We will also plan to incorporate increased outdoor teaching and implement a rota in order to continuously control capacity in any given area.
5. Babies and toddler groups will follow these same procedures but will be separated at all times in the baby and toddler room, which will also be divided into two sections.

Access and movement around the School

1. A strict one-way system will be in operation and we ask that adults and children adhere to this at all times, always respecting social distancing rules. Clear signage and arrows will be visible to show the direction of flow in and out of the premises, along with distancing markers.
2. Only one parent from each family is permitted to drop off or pick up their child.
3. Each child will remain within their bubble and allocated teacher, who will be responsible for guiding their children to the different learning areas.
4. All snacks and lunches will be eaten outdoors where possible, even if the temperature drops (so, as always, ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the forecasted weather). In general, we will be increasing the use of outdoors spaces throughout the day.
5. All children must bring in a packed lunch as we will be limiting access to external companies, please ensure you provide an icepack if needed as lunches will remain on designated pegs for each child. A midmorning snack and tea will be provided for children, which will be prepared by our own staff following our strict policies and procedures.
6. Access to the toilets will be controlled, with each bubble regularly allowing for toilet breaks and others waiting within marked areas. This policy will apply for use of the toilets throughout the day to maintain safe distances and control.

New Rules and Routines

1. Mandatory temperature checks will be implemented for all our children and staff before entering the school premises. Any child or member of staff with a temperature of 38 degrees or above will need to be sent home immediately.
2. We will operate social distancing throughout the school where possible.
3. We will increase an already enhanced cleaning schedule of all surfaces throughout and at the end of each day.
4. Any shared resources used by the children will be sanitised after each session.
5. A regular handwashing rota will be enforced throughout the day for all children and staff, including upon arrival, throughout the day and before leaving the school.
6. As mentioned, drop-offs and pick-ups will be staggered for all children.
7. A one way system will be implemented to access and leave the school adhering to the 2m social distancing rule. The direction of flow and distancing markers will be clearly visible on site.
8. Toys or any form of equipment from outside the school will not be permitted to prevent cross contamination.

9. Any personal belongings (e.g. spare clothes, nappies etc.) will need to be left at the school.
10. If any member of a bubble tests positive for the virus, all children and staff operating in that bubble will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days as per government guidelines.
11. All soft toys will be removed from the classroom until further notice as well as the reading area rug to better support regular sanitisation and cleaning.

Please do not bring your child to school if they show any symptoms related to Covid-19:

- high temperature (38 degrees or more) – feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (for those who usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – not being able to smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal;
- You will be asked to verify your contact details when your child returns to school. The office must be informed of any changes to the emergency contact details for your child so that we are always able to reach someone.