



Covid-19 News

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you are aware the government have announced that schools should stay open for the time being!!

Things will be continue to be different, we have had lots of advice on what we can and can't do – and we will follow the guidance set out for us to ensure everyone who comes in to the setting is safe. We have the NHS test and trace QR code for you to scan, if you do have to enter the building.

Pick up and collection.

Only ONE parent should be accompanying their child to and from pre-school. On arrival you will line up kitchen side of the hall, keeping to the 2metre guidance. Hand washing facilities and wipes will be available. Please ensure you wash your child's hands for the recommended 20 seconds and wipe down their lunch box and backpack – please ensure their name is visible on ALL items – we need to limit all contact regarding items brought in from home. Your child will then enter the building via the kitchen and you will leave via the back gate – you can then walk home via Robers Road and Ley Lane or come back down the lane on your left to the car park – keeping your distance at all times. The same routine will be carried out on collection.

We know that coming into pre-school maybe difficult for many children. We will support you as best we can, and we may have to take your child off you on arrival, even if they are upset. Please be assured we will not be socially distancing from your child, hugs and cuddles will be available if required!!! (although we must wash our hands once we touch them!!!) Washing toys and equipment will be a big part of our day to keep the germs away!!!

The pre-school will look quite different inside and may be strange for some of the children, we will share photos on our Facebook page of the activities and the children at play.

Children must NOT bring toys from home, just a coat/jacket NAMED please, much of our time will be spent outside and the windows will all be open for ventilation as advised by the government. All back packs will have to stay in the setting throughout the term, a member of staff will inform you if anything needs replenishing. If your child is in nappies or may need a change of clothes, please place in their NAMED bag filled with the necessary equipment.

If at any time your child becomes unwell or shows any signs of a temperature, it is crucial that they are collected as soon as possible, so please ensure your contact details are up to date and your phone is switched on!! A child MUST NOT come to pre-school if they have required any medication at home that

could mask symptoms of COVID-19, if you have given your child Calpol or a similar medicine in the night or morning, do NOT bring them to pre-school.

DO NOT bring your child to pre-school if they or anyone in your household are displaying symptoms or if you believe you may have come into contact with anyone who may have contracted the virus – I cannot stress this more. As the one thing I can guarantee is that your child's safety within our setting is paramount. Your child will be very well cared for in our environment, as they always have been – that will never change, and their emotional well-being will be our top priority over the next few weeks.

At present the government have recommended that we DO NOT need to wear PPE. BUT PPE will be worn when changing nappies, toilet accidents or administering first aid and preparing/serving food. The pre-school has purchased facial visors for each staff member to wear, which I feel are less intimidating than face masks as the adult's friendly faces are still visible, these will be worn as a precautionary measure.

We will endeavour to keep you updated, but please don't hesitate to contact me via the mobile or email.

Thank you for your understanding,
Karen.