**Covid-19 arrangements for phased re-opening from June 1st**

After many hours of consultation looking through government guidance and local authority guidance, we have set out a plan for re-opening to more children which we decided through discussion to ensure we have in place all health & safety measures we will be opening from Monday 8th June 2020 this will be subject to change dependant on the Government advise and guidance on May 28th.

Although the setting will remain open for the keyworker and vulnerable children that have attended throughout the lockdown period (Week commencing Monday 1st June excluding the Monday 1st June as this is an inset day)

From June 8th there will be a cap on the number of children who attend each session, because of this cap your child may not receive all the hours they usually attend and we have tried our best to accommodate every child the best we can.

The government guidance states that children should be kept in small groups of the same children (Bubbles) and with the same staff members at all times where possible to reduce the spread of any germs.

Taking the government guidance in mind we have planned as below:

We have split the children into small groups, prioritising children already attending and school leavers, these groups of children will have the same two staff members on the day/days they attend.

Children will be kept within their own group and will not mix or play with any other children in any other group this includes outdoor areas, as to adhere in some way to social distancing (this is very hard of children of this age range). They will be able to play as normal with the children in their own group (Bubble). Staff are social distancing, cuddles with children are maintained should your child need it.

The areas will be cleaned between each group’s usage and at regular points throughout the day. In Early Years, our hygiene routines are of a high standard, so we just have to turn up the dials a notch MORE.

We are reducing the amount of resources available to the children; however, this will not affect the way the staff will provide the care and learning for your child.

**Lunchtime:**

We are asking that lunches are bought in a throw away bag with your child’s name on so we can dispose of all unused items and the container at the end of the lunch period.

**Entry and Pick-Up:**

Parents will be required to drop your child at the main gate you will not be allowed within the premises, we ask that you line up to the left of the building by the markers provided (please keep your child by your side) and wait your turn to leave your child with the member of staff at the gate. We ask that parents maintain social distancing at all times and leave the premises/car park promptly.

Parents are asked that only one parent to each child drops off and picks up, and we ask where possible you do not bring siblings with you.

Your child’s group will need to arrive at the designated opening times Bumbles 9am and Preschool 9:15am, please do not arrive until your allotted time. When picking up your child please ring the relevant doorbell, wait in the designated area and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

**Belongings from home:**

We ask that children do NOT bring any bikes/scooters or any toys from home at this time to minimise the risk of spreading any virus, if you do so you will be asked to take them home with you.

When your child returns to the setting we ask that you provide them with a named water bottle, a change of clothes in a named bag, sunhat and sun cream all these items will need to remain within the setting also if relevant please can you provide sufficient nappies and wipes for the rest of the term, this will be to minimise items being brought in and out of the setting.

**Illness**

**https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/**

There will be a super strict illness policy, we ask that if your child shows any sign of illness, even a sniffle that you do not bring them into the setting. If your child shows any sign of illness during the day you will be expected to collect them within 30 minutes of a phone call, and they will be placed with an adult into a separate area for isolation.

**Public Transport/Travel**

We are asking parents where possible to avoid using Public transport, please where possible follow the Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers when planning your travel. Car sharing is not permitted between members of different households. Parents/carers should be encouraged to walk or cycle where possible.

Please be advised that this plan is subject to change at any time and where possible we will give parents plenty of notice of any change.

As a setting we have followed all guidance’s and implemented all the required measures to reduce the risk to staff, children, and families however this can never be fully guaranteed, and currently the guidance remains that if you can keep your child at home then it is safer to do this.

We know this is an extremely stressful time for all our families and children, the above plan does seem quite strict in places but it is in the best interests of children, families and not least the staff members working to carry on providing the children with their early education at this time.

**Provision for your child**

The days we have allocated for your child are as follows: *(days and time information)*

You are not required to use both these days or the full hours within these days but please let us know if you chose not to do so, however no alternative can be offered at this time.