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Plan for the wider opening of our Nursery Schools

Following the recent Government announcements, we are starting to plan how we can safely welcome more children back into our nursery schools. We have remained open throughout the lockdown period for certain priority groups of children, and like the government, we want to get as many children as possible back before the summer break.

As you can imagine, planning to welcome more children back to nursery is a huge task and we have many health and safety concerns that we have to address about every single part of the day. This is to protect children and staff and to hopefully reduce the risks involved.

I'm sure you will agree that observing social distancing advice of keeping 2 metres apart is a near impossible task with 2, 3 and 4 year olds. They will be in small groups, (which we will refer to as 'bubbles') and remain in those bubbles with the same staff at all times at nursery, as much as possible. The activities that they will be involved in may be slightly different to what they are used to, but as always we will do our very best to ensure they will have a fun day with us.

We are hoping to engage the children in activities outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

As always, our dedicated and caring staff will tend to your child's needs throughout the day and the usual ways we comfort and care for them will not change hugely (i.e. first aid attention, using the bathroom and changing of clothes where necessary).

Staff will be observing 2m social distancing with other members of staff as much as is possible in our school environment and also in their personal lives. We would ask that parents also observe the social distancing advice in their daily lives too to help us to protect your children and our staff.

This document will set out the arrangements we will put in place to ensure maximum safety for not only the children, but for the staff working every day.

We hope that after reading this document and our plan you will be in a position to decide whether you wish your child to return to nursery during this time.

Numbers offered a place when we start readmitting children will be low, and hopefully will increase as the weeks pass so that we can see as many children as is safe and possible.

Arrival at nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid the narrow pathway between Speedwell Road and the nursery, we suggest that if travelling by car you park in Meadowvale and walk through the playing field. • If possible, please travel to nursery on foot or cycle. • The pathway directly in front of the gate is very narrow, please observe social distancing in this area and wait for people to pass through before entering the pathway. • Remember to observe the 2m social distancing advice at all times when coming to nursery. • There will be a member of staff at the gate and at the front door so that you can avoid touching any of the gate latches or door bells as much as possible • When coming to nursery please refrain from touching any surfaces if you can. • Parents and children will be met at the front door, and children handed to a member of staff. • No parents will be permitted to enter the building beyond the front desk.
Starting the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid large numbers of people arriving at the same time, we will be staggering the start and end time of every session for each bubble of children. • If your child is attending, you will be advised what time to bring and collect them. We must ask you to be punctual with these times to avoid arriving when another group of parents is arriving. • Once your child has been handed to the member of staff in their bubble, they will be held until the whole group has arrived and taken down to the classroom together. • The first task of the day will be to wash hands which we will supervise at all times to ensure this is thorough. • Children and staff in their bubble will then proceed to their classroom. This may not be your child's normal classroom, and the children they will be with may not be their friends or normal classmates.
What the classroom will look like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each classroom will have been stripped of all soft furnishings and soft toys such as sofas, rugs, cushions, soft body dolls, teddies etc. • There will be no playdough, water trays, sand trays or sensory play equipment available as this would be impossible to clean every day. • Art equipment such as aprons, paint brushes, pens etc will be kept for the exclusive use of the bubble and cleaned at the end of each session • Furniture in the classroom will be at a minimum and will be cleaned daily. • Each classroom will have its own discreet outside area for the use of the same bubble throughout the day. • We may try to rotate the use of our outside areas so that all bubbles will benefit from playing in the field and treehouse areas at times, where possible.

Activities for the children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each bubble of children and staff will stay together all day and do activities inside and outside in that group only. • There will be a limited amount of resources available every day and we will do our best to rotate the activities and ensure that the children have varied days at nursery • Large resources like the mud kitchen, bikes, home corner furniture and tables and chairs will be available and cleaned daily • All smaller resources and equipment used will be washed daily and no one outside the bubble will use these. • We hope to take the children outside as much as possible so that we can enjoy some forest school activities, large art activities, exercise and free play times
Snack/lunch arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack time fruit will be prepared by a member of staff every day • Children will be able to have milk or water at snack time from a plastic cup which will be washed • We ask that all children bring a packed lunch every day that they attend. • Snack and lunch will be served in the classroom that the bubble of children are in for the day. A dedicated SMSA will come in to help at lunchtime, and this will be the same person for each group of children every day.
Personal Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure your child wears a set of clean clothes every day • At the very least the children and staff will be washing their hands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the start of the day ○ Before and after snack time ○ Before and after lunchtime ○ Before they go home • Please ensure your child brings a clean set of clothes to change into during they day if they need to. • If your child wears nappies, please send in enough nappies and wipes for your child every day. We will not be using our usually held stocks at this precarious time. • Children will need to bring their own sun hat to wear • We would ask that sun cream is applied to your child before coming to nursery. If it will need to be reapplied on sunny days, please ensure that your child can do this for themselves if possible • If anyone falls ill during the school day, they will be sent home as quickly as possible and staff and children who have been in contact with that person will change their clothes. • Staff will use the usual PPE (personal protective equipment) such as aprons and gloves throughout the day as they would normally do. • We have been advised that staff are not required to wear masks and face coverings except when they are tending to someone who has become ill during the day.
Collection of the children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each bubble of children will be given a staggered collection time at home time to avoid too many people coming to the setting at the same time. • The process for arriving will be the same as advised for the morning • The pathway directly in front of the gate is very narrow, please observe social distancing in this area and wait for people to pass through before entering the pathway. • Remember to observe the 2m social distancing advice at all times when coming to nursery. • There will be a member of staff at the gate and at the front door so

	<p>that you can avoid touching any of the gate latches or door bells as much as possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children will be waiting with staff behind the front door, ready to be collected • Parents are asked to wait 2 meters apart outside the front door. • The children will be brought to the door and handed to parents one at a time. • Those parents and children will need to leave promptly and go through the gate before the next child is allowed to leave. • Please do not return to the setting again that day as there will be other bubbles of children leaving at different times and the staff will be concentrating on cleaning as soon as everyone has gone. • Prompt collection is very important and we would ask parents to arrive at the right time to avoid too many people arriving at the same time.
Health considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please do not bring your child to nursery if you or any member of your household has any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Persistent new cough ○ High temperature ○ Loss of sense of smell or taste • Please do not bring your child to nursery if you or any member of your household has any other illness or symptoms • Children will be kept in their bubble, with the same children and staff all day and every day they attend as much as is possible (taking staffing availability into consideration) • Only one bubble of children will be able to use the bathroom at the same time and this will be supervised by staff at all times. • Only one bubble of children will be using the outside areas at a time.
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day the children will need to bring with them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set of clean clothes to change into ○ A sun hat ○ Sun cream ○ Nappies and wipes if required ○ Packed lunch ○ Piece of fruit for snack time • Parents are asked to arrive promptly at their arrival and collection times • All adults are reminded to observe the 2 metre social distancing advice at the Nursery but also in their personal lives • Children attending may not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be with their friends ○ Be in the classroom they are familiar with ○ Be with their familiar keyworker

We have given you all of this information to help you make an informed decision about whether you wish your child to be considered for a place as we phase in the admission of children. Please complete the survey on this link/site so that we can gauge how many children would like a place.