

Covid-19 - Re-Opening Policy

1st June 2020 is the provisional date we have been given to be able to open the pre-school. This will be confirmed on 28th May, when we will contact you to advise if the date has been confirmed or changed. This policy will be continually reassessed and is subject to change at any time upon receiving updated guidance from the Government. We aim to re-open at the earliest opportunity however, certain conditions / restrictions will need to be put in place in an effort to safeguard everyone.

All children and their household members **MUST** be well and showing **NO** symptoms of Covid-19 (Please do not give Calpol or similar medication for any reason and then bring your child to pre-school, as this may mask any temperature your child might have). We will immediately call you to collect your child if we believe they are displaying any signs of being unwell, whilst safely keeping them away from other children to prevent the risk of infection. Please be respectful of our decision.

If your child or members of your household have shown symptoms, please continue to follow the Government Guidelines - anyone showing symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days, any other members of the household should isolate for 14 days.

If any staff member displays symptoms, the pre-school will need to close temporarily and you will be informed at the earliest opportunity.

To reflect changes to our risk assessment relating to coronavirus and the Government's social distancing rules, the following procedures will be implemented for all children and parents/ carers with immediate effect.

Please help us by preparing your child for these changes and new routines.

If we get this in place from day 1, we can focus on your child - not the virus.

On arrival:

- Please stand back from the door allowing us to see you, giving us a safe 2m distance.
- Maintain 2m from other parents and children, waiting in a socially distanced queue when necessary.
- We will open the outside door and invite your child to come inside one at a time, please prepare your child for this change. Parents / Carers will not be permitted to enter the pre-school building.
- You will be asked whether you and any of your immediate household members are well or shown/showing any symptoms of coronavirus? Please answer honestly to keep everyone safe.
- Please explain to your child that they cannot bring toys from home at this time.
- Your child will be helped to remove their coat and bag, these will be put on to their coat hook. We also ask for their wellies to be left at the pre-school.
- Your child will be asked to wash their hands (with support if necessary). All children will be supervised during hand washing and taught our routine to wash our hands for 20 seconds.
- Your child's arrival time will be recorded on the daily register.

Pre-school Sessions:

Non Essential Visitors - will not be permitted into the pre-school.

Hygiene / Handwashing - will be emphasized and supervised throughout the session, including on arrival and before going home.

Cleaning and disinfecting - surfaces / resources will be cleaned regularly throughout the session.

Social distancing - this is not possible for the children due to their ages, understanding and emotional needs. However, the number of children attending will be very small, lowering the risk of infection. Staff members will social distance from each other wherever possible.

Resources - resources / toys for the children to use will need to be limited to allow for regular cleaning and to reduce the risk of contamination.

On Departure:

- We will open the main door at the end of the session, please stand back from the door, giving us a safe 2m distance.
- Maintain 2m distance from other parents and children, waiting in a socially distanced queue when necessary.
- Your child will be brought to the door and handed over to you from a distance.
- We will have a very quick chat with you if time and circumstances allow - we are not ignoring you if we excuse ourselves and come back inside. Please contact us by phone, text, Whatsapp or e-mail if you need to discuss anything further with us.
- Your child's departure time will be recorded on the daily register.

In an emergency:

If you fall ill during the day, you might need to send someone we haven't met before to collect your child. If we do not know the person who has arrived to collect your child, we will ask them for a password, agreed with you in advance; if they cannot provide the password, they will not be allowed to collect your child from us - this is a safeguarding requirement.



Working in Partnership:

We will continue to send photos and updates to you by WhatsApp but we know that you might feel a bit disconnected, if we are not available to chat with you at the start or end of the day. Our procedures have changed following health and safety advice to keep everyone safe, but we still want to be here for you.

You can send us a text or ring in an emergency during pre-school hours.

If you need to speak to us at any other time, we will happily arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to you on the phone.

Please do keep us up to date with any information regarding your child such as: your child's learning, development, current interests or progress and any accidents, injuries or incidents at home.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation during this very difficult time. Let's work together and do our best to keep everyone happy and safe!