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Dear Parents,

We pray that you and your families are well and safe in these difficult times.

We would like to warmly welcome your children back to the nursery. We are working hard to try and keep everyone safe and to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

We are following Government guidelines about safety during this time. For this reason we need to insist that only one parent comes to drop off and collect their child. We would also like to point out that drop off and pick up procedures have changed.

You are requested to form an orderly socially distant queue to drop off and pick up your child at our entrance and exit points. Parents will not be permitted to accompany their children into the setting. For everybody's safety and in line with Government guidelines parents will not be able to have the usual interaction with their child's key worker. Instead communication will be through the parent teacher communication book. If there is an urgent matter the key worker will telephone you. We also discourage parents from coming into the building.

Settling in new children

We have to reduce settling in procedures to minimise transmission risk. Therefore only 1 parent of a new child is permitted to come in to settle a new child for a maximum of 2 sessions. Please do not bring any other children with you. A face mask must be worn by any parent coming in to settle their child for the whole time they are in the setting.

For children who are returning after a long break, if they are tearful 1 parent can come in with them for a maximum of 20 minutes. A face mask must be worn at all times.

Self-Isolation Guidelines

If your child is unwell and displays any symptoms of Coronavirus please phone the nursery and inform us and do not send your child to nursery. You must arrange a test from the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/> immediately. If the test result is negative your child can return to nursery as soon as they are feeling better. However if your child tests positive for Coronavirus the child and the whole household will have to self-isolate at home for 14 days. We as a nursery will have to contact Public Health England PHE for further advice on how to proceed.



Similarly if anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms your child must not be sent to nursery and we need to be informed immediately. You must request that your household member is tested and if the test is positive you must inform the nursery and your whole household must self-isolate at home for 14 days. We again will notify PHE and await their advice as to how to proceed. You can request a test from the NHS Website <https://www.nhs.uk/>. If a pupil who is self-isolating due to a positive household member develops symptoms during the isolation period, they must be tested and self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms

If your child becomes unwell at nursery they will immediately be removed from the key group and you will need to urgently collect them. Whilst they are awaiting collection they will be accompanied by a key worker who is in full protective clothing. You will need to arrange a test from the NHS Website <https://www.nhs.uk/> and if the test is positive the nursery must be informed and your whole household will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Again, we will contact PHE for further advice on how to proceed.

The same procedures and guidelines apply for all members of staff and their household members who are unwell. The nurseries will again contact PHE for advice.

In line with Government guidelines we will be practicing extra cleaning and hand washing measures. All the settings have been given a deep clean before the children returned. Children will be kept within the same key group and mixing in the nursery will be limited as far as is possible.

Whilst we will take every precaution to keep our pupils and staff safe during this time we need your help and co-operation in order to minimise adult to adult interaction in order to minimise risk.

We will keep you updated about any changes or news by letter and phone.

This will be a long and difficult winter and we will do everything we can to keep everyone safe. We rely on your help and co-operation in order to achieve this. Ultimately the safety of our pupils, staff and families is of paramount importance. We are all working together to stay safe.

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