

COVID 19

It is vital for the well-being of everyone in the setting that all our policies are read, understood, and adhered to at all times. The manager and committee reserve the right to restrict access to the premises for anyone in breach of any of our policies.

All of our policies have been updated on our babysday site and parents/carers MUST read and sign before their child returns/starts to the preschool setting.

While we want the children to have as normal an experience as possible it is vital that we work together to ensure everyone's safety.

Children will be kept in smaller groups while in the setting and will stay in their groups both inside and outside.

Please note that due to the thorough cleaning that will take place every afternoon it will not be possible to offer any afternoon sessions at the moment

Staggered Arrival Times

Each Keygroup will arrive at a set time both in the morning and at pick up and you MUST adhere to these times to ensure non mixing of groups. When arriving at preschool please ensure you keep your distance from other families. If you live locally and are able to walk please do so. If you are arriving by car, and arrive early please stay in your car until your time slot. Likewise if you are arriving by foot and are early please stand away from the gate until your allotted time slot. Your child will enter the playground without you.

While there will be less time to have a chat/information share at drop off or pick up the manager or deputy will be available to talk on the phone either before the children arrive at 9am or after 9.30am once the children have been dropped off, or after 1.30pm when the children have gone home. Alternatively, you could send a message via the babysdays site and the manager will contact you as soon as possible. If we have any concerns about your child's behaviour or learning the manager or Senco will contact you by phone to discuss.

Once you have said goodbye to your child please leave the premises promptly observing social distancing at all times (please be aware that you may need to step away from the gate to allow somebody else to move forward). We will use the same system at the end of the session for collecting your child. Again, once your child has come through the gate, please move away promptly to allow others to pick up their children. Only one adult per family will be permitted on site when dropping off/picking up children. All adults MUST wear a face covering, and the Manager will also wear a face covering while at the gate.

The manager or deputy will be at the gate, and your child's Keyworker will be at the door to greet your child, and they will be guided to put their coat, bag etc. in the appropriate place and to go to the toilet, wash their hands and use the hand sanitiser before entering the hall. (We are aware that the continual hand washing and use of sanitiser could make hands sore, therefore we will have hand cream available, in a hand pump dispenser, for anyone who requires). If you would want your child to use the hand cream you must sign the permission form on the babysdays site.

Your child will need to bring a coat, a bag with a change of clothes, a snack (Fruit/veg and/or plain bread stick/rice cake) in a suitable named container. Also a drink of water in a named cup, and a named lunch box.

All containers, including lunch boxes should be made of plastic (or a material that can be wiped). To help your child be as independent as possible please use easy to open containers etc. However we do

appreciate some of the children are quite young and will struggle to be able to do this themselves, and of course the staff will be happy to help.

Bags – your child will need a change of clothes in their bags in case of any accidents, getting wet/dirty etc. Bags will now be brought into Preschool on a Monday morning (or the first day of the week your child attends) and will stay in Preschool for the week, returning on Friday (or your child's last day attending). Any craft/artwork will be quarantined and sent home each Friday in your child's bag. If your child does need a change of clothes on any day during Preschool, these will be returned on the day they are changed and will need replaced the following day.

If your child is in nappies:- To save bags going back and forth on a daily basis, please send a named bag of nappies into preschool (along with wipes and nappy sacks) and they will be stored here. We will let you know when we need more.

Small groups

Once inside preschool your child will be in a small group with other children, and while we recognise that children do not understand social distancing they will be kept within an area along with just the children from their small group. Once in their group your child's Keyworker will check their temperature. If your child has a temperature the manager will call you to collect your child immediately.

Your child's Keyworker will (where possible) be with your child and the rest of their group for each session.

We will not allow any toys, games, books etc. from home into the preschool, however if your child would like to show us something from home can I suggest that you take a photo of it and email it to the preschool, or upload it onto the babysdays system, and we will ensure that your child is then given the opportunity to 'show' us (using the tablets within preschool), and to talk about it, and we will make it as fun and as exciting as we can.

Each member of staff will have a tablet to use for their own group of children.

Although children will share toys and resources, we will choose wisely what resources are available and will ensure that they are kept as clean as possible. All resources will be kept in one Keygroup area and will be cleaned and quarantined before passing them onto another group to use. The resources used will be made of materials that are easily cleaned, any cloth material (doll's clothes etc.) will be washed after each session, before passing onto another group to use. Again although we will need to consider keeping the areas as clean as possible we will endeavour to keep things as 'normal' and as fun as we can.

Please use this check list before you bring your child to preschool and if you are unsure about your child's health you MUST keep them at home. If your child does become unwell you MUST inform the preschool. If anyone in your household shows any signs of the Coronavirus you MUST NOT send your child into preschool until you have all been tested and have a clear result. If someone from your household tests Positive for Coronavirus you must all isolate following the NHS guidance, and inform preschool immediately.

CHECK:-

- Does your child have a temperature?
- Is your child complaining of a sore throat, tummy etc.?
- Does your child just seem a bit "under the weather"?
- Has your child had an unusually restless night?
- Has anyone in your household been in contact with anyone that has Coronavirus?

- Has anyone in your household currently going for/had a Coronavirus test?
- Has anyone in your household been in contact with anyone that has tested positive for Coronavirus?
- Has anyone in your household/anyone you have been in contact with for the past 48 hours currently going for/had a Coronavirus test?

You will be asked these questions at the door when you drop your child at preschool each morning. If we feel in any way unsure about your child's health we WILL NOT accept them into preschool.

Accidents

All pre-existing accidents MUST be recorded on the babysdays site before you bring your child into preschool in the morning.

Any accidents that happen during the morning at preschool will be recorded on the babysdays site and you will need to access this yourselves at home to sign.

While staff will not be required to wear PPE for normal activities, they will wear it if dealing with a child that becomes unwell during the morning and while waiting with the child for an adult to arrive to pick them up. Staff will also wear PPE when dealing with a toileting accident or changing nappies (apron, gloves, face masks) Facemasks and face shields will be worn if dealing with a child that has become unwell, or if dealing with bodily fluids due to a child having had an accident.

Children will not be asked to wear face masks.

If your child becomes unwell during the course of the morning, we will phone you to collect your child immediately. If you are unable to do this, you must ensure that you have a suitable person that is able to collect your child for you.

Hygiene

All children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly. We will continue to encourage children to cough/sneeze into their elbow and to use a tissue. Each group will have their own tissue station.

Toileting – Children will be assigned a toileting area to use according to their small group

Your child should wear appropriate clothing to make it easy for them to use the toilet – tight clothes, dungarees and tight buttons may not be suitable.

Shoes should be velcro or buckle (no laces that need constantly retying).

Children with hair long enough to tie back must do so, and should wear suitable hair ties/bands/clips that stay in their hair for the period of the entire morning. All staff with long hair will also have their hair tied back.

Children will not be permitted to wear necklaces/bracelets to preschool

Your child's learning

During the COVID19 outbreak we will continue to offer the high level of care and learning opportunities that we always have, to ensure your child has the best possible development journey. However, there will be some activities that we are unable to offer at this time – we will be unable to take the children on any outings, or do any cooking activities, but we will do our best to tackle these subjects in a different way (eg talk to the children about food, look at books about healthy eating, and even suggest this could be something that they may be able to do at home and then tell us about).