



School Updates to be amended into Risk Assessment in readiness for September opening

Dear Families,

Last week we received an update from the government about developments to the Covid Restrictions, which will affect us from September 2020. Please see the overview below and how we will continue to keep our children safe.

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Updated 2 July 2020

- *set out a change to the protective measures in early years settings that will be effective from 20 July, removing the requirement to keep children in small consistent groups within settings but still minimising mixing where possible (sections 2.1 and 3.3)*

3-4 years- Bubbles will now be a **maximum of 35** in **Nursery Class** over the day (E.g. 18 in the morning, thorough clean and 15 in the afternoon).

Hedgehogs and Owls (full day children) will be able to combine and use reception entrance access to outdoors.

They will be using larger floor space and outdoor areas to encourage freeflow and therefore limit contact.

Squirrels and Hares to remain the same as planned.

2-3 years- Bubbles will now be a **maximum of 16** in the **Garden Room**.

Garden Room- Children will enter through the explorer's door in afternoon, but rather than staying in this space, will rejoin the Garden room.

If numbers increase beyond 16, before October 16th 2020, Explorers first classroom will be opened and older children encouraged to transition gradually through (pm children at this present time) allowing for a bubble of 20, but spread over a larger floor space.

From 2nd Nov onwards, if numbers are increasing, Explorers space may be opened for older cohort and new bubble created with 1:10 children.

Increased cleaning throughout the sessions and deep clean at lunchtime will continue to reduce contact germs.

- *new content on risk assessment (3.1), supporting staff with increased risk factors (3.2) and system of controls (3.3)*

Consistency will remain in all the classrooms and outdoor spaces-

Windows should be opened daily

Hand washing to continue

Medical room to remain for children exhibiting symptoms

Temperature safety measure to continue.

We will continue to disinfect the indoor and outdoor equipment regularly throughout the week.

- *updated content on attendance at settings for those shielding, with changes to the advice effective from 1 August, and removal of content on vulnerable children since settings are open for all children (section 4)*

- *updated content on wraparound care (5.3)*

To enable breakfast/afterschool club, adults will need to provide additional support within their existing bubbles. Less than 5 children in the same bubble accessing Breakfast/Afterschool club is not feasible at this time. We have requested parents share their requirements individually and we will try to meet their needs.

- *an update on Early Years Foundation Stage reforms (7.6) and Reception Baseline Assessment (7.7)*

We will be continuing to review the updated Statutory Framework for the EYFS which will be implemented in 2021. These changes are already well catered for in our broad and progressive curriculum.