

Little Delwood



We hope you and your families are well. We are looking forward to see you all on the first day of Autumn term 2020.

We need to state categorically that we are unable to socially distance children of this age within our setting and therefore cannot guarantee your children's safety. The reason childhood illnesses spread rapidly is because children are unable to stay away from each other.

There are still many unknowns about this pandemic, and we are not sure that we will have the answers, so we can only offer a service and allow you to make your own decision on what you do with your child for your individual circumstances. We do not think we can make a decision on your behalf when it comes to something as precious as your children.

We request you to carefully read, understand and adhere to this guidance.

Despite every effort on our behalf to ensure that our children and staff are safe, every child in the setting will be admitted with the understanding that parents have understood the risks that are involved and they are aware of, and agree to adhere to, our safety guidelines.

Should we feel that parents are not adhering to the guidelines or proving to come across difficult and challenging, then under the current circumstances we will ask them to remove their children from the setting until the situation change.

Patience, tolerance and flexibility is key for the safety of everyone in these difficult circumstances.

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Drop off and Pick ups

We will be managing drop off and pickup times to ensure social distancing is maintained, and so that not all children enter and leave at the same time.

We will do a verbal wellbeing check on arrival.
Sunscreen **MUST** be applied at home (6hrs protection).

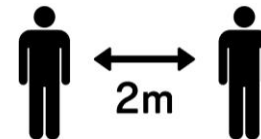
Please talk to your children and prepare them for their return to nursery so they are ready to come in by themselves without being distressed, as we will not be able to physically take them. We recommend that the same person consistently drops and pick up the children.

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Parent's Queue

2 metre markers will be set out on the ground at the entrance; parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the kindergarten premises keeping 2 metres apart.

Parents will not be permitted to gather outside the kindergarten.



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Cleaning

The Kindergarten will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the day to minimise the risk of any germs spreading.



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Transport

Parents are requested to avoid using public transport where possible. We advise you to come by car, walking or cycling.

If in the unfortunate circumstance your only option is to use public transport, then you will be required to adhere to the social distancing rules ensuring that you remain 2 metres away from others.

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Presentations & Group Activities

We will cancel all social events which include our yearly presentations, trips and graduations for the foreseeable future.



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Outdoor & Lunch/Snack time

We will stagger our snack and outdoor times and use other areas of the kindergarten to ensure that children are spaced out, so that social distance can be maintained as much as possible.

If your child stays for lunch, all food and drinks must be ready to eat without assistance. Leftovers will be thrown away by our staff, who will follow strict hygiene and storage policies.

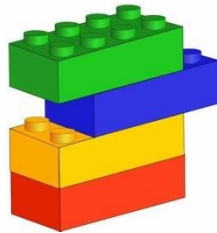
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The environment

We will continue to provide care in small groups in the setting wherever possible .



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Hand wash

We will ensure our children are washing their hands at least 20 seconds across the day, particularly:

- Upon coming into the kindergarten
- After sneezing or coughing
- Before and after handling or eating food
- After going to the toilet

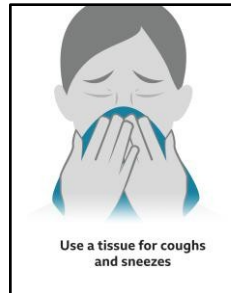
We will also be placing hand sanitisers in all communal areas for the staff.

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Promoting good hygiene

The kindergarten will promote regular good hygiene materials to ensure they are maintaining a good hygiene.



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PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

The children and staff will not be required to wear PPE in the setting. However, the kindergarten will ensure enough supplies of PPE are stored such as disposables gloves, aprons and face masks, should we need them such as in the case of a child falling unwell whilst on site. These will be used by the member of staff staying with the child whilst he/she is picked up.

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Children that become unwell

If you or anybody in your family becomes unwell with a continuous cough, temperature or loss of taste and smell, then the whole family will need to isolate for 14 days in line with government guidance.

If any child becomes unwell with the above symptoms while in our care, they will be sent home. Whilst the child is awaiting collection, they will be placed in isolation with a member of staff until they are picked up. It is vital we are able to get in touch with parents immediately; therefore please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

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Stay at home

Any children living with a person who is at increased risk of severe illness, or an extremely vulnerable person who is shielding from coronavirus, should stringently follow the guidance on social distancing and minimise contact outside the home, such children are advised not to attend the setting.

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Parent & Staff communication

Face to face communication between staff and parent will be minimal. Any enquiries can be answered by phone and email.

Visitors and Meeting

We will not allow any non essential visitors to be on the site until further notice and all meetings with the manager and key workers must be held via a phone call.

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Clothing

Please ensure hygiene is maintained and that children come in with fresh, clean clothes daily.

Buggies & Ride-Ons & Car Seats

Buggies, ride-ons, and car seats will not be permitted to be left on site.

Parents bringing children in buggies will need to take the buggies home after dropping them off.

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Bags and Toys

Children will not be allowed to bring in toys or comforters from home.

All parents will be required to bring a clearly labelled bag with sufficient clean clothes.

Ideally this bag should stay on site for the rest of the term. If children need to be changed, their clothes will be replaced in their bags.



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Helpful Links

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

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- This document will be share with our families and team members and it can also be found on our website.
- This document will be reviewed as necessary.

Reviewed by: Caroline Rudd

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