

Dear Parents,

As a result of the strict social distancing measures, the transmissions rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased. Therefore the government has requested that from the week commencing the 1st June 2020 we are being asked to welcome all children back to Greenwood. This will only happen providing the five key tests set by the government justify the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the Roadmap are operating effectively.

As it stands, The Greenwood Pre-school will be re-opening on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

In order to reassure you and for you to help prepare your child for returning, I have outlined below some of the key protective measures in place to reduce risk to staff, children and their families. I have also attached The Greenwood Pre-school Coronavirus Policy which goes into more detail. The risk assessment can be found on the Pre-school website.

As I'm sure you appreciate, the policy and risk assessment are working documents and I will keep you updated with any changes.

Attendance

Staff and children should not attend if they have any of the symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household.

The symptoms are as follows:

- High temperature
- A persistent cough,
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Any child who have taken any form of paracetamol or ibuprofen will **not be allowed in pre-school until 48 hours after symptoms have ended** or a negative test result.

Any child who display symptoms of a cold will **not be allowed in pre-school until 48 hours after symptoms have ended** or a negative test result.

Children should be dropped off and picked up from the rear garden which is to be entered via the double grey gates off Poplar Lane. **Under no circumstance should anyone enter the premises via any other entrance.**

There will be clear markers to help you demonstrate social distancing and we will be operating a one-way system. The gate will be open at 8:30-9am for drop off in the morning and 11:45-12pm for pick up. It will then be open from 12:30-12:45 for drop off in the afternoon and 3:00-3:30pm for pick up.

We ask that children should be dropped off and picked up by **1 adult** and where possible **no younger or older children**. Where other children have to accompany the adult, they should stay with their adult, exercising social distancing and not touching any of the resources that are in the garden. Only parents who are symptom free or have completed the required isolation periods will be able to drop off or collect their child.

We ask that children bring in a change of clothes, rain coat, sun hat and water bottle (that they are able to open and close themselves) which will be left on the premises until the end of term (We will wash and refill water bottles daily). Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Children should also come into pre-school having had sun cream applied. We will not be allowing sun cream application in the building.

Children will be met at the green wooden gate by a member of staff. We will ask you to say goodbye and take any coats home with you that they have worn for the journey (apart from the one left at pre-school).

Attendance to the setting will be strictly restricted to children and staff as far as practically possible. Children are not to bring in any items from home including toys, teddies, or blankets (or similar).

The children will be then given some hand sanitiser.

Grouping/Physical distancing

The guidelines state we can reduce transmission by having smaller groups. It is recognised that early years children cannot be expected to remain 2 meters apart from each other and staff. Therefore the children will be put into a group no bigger than 6 children. They will remain in this group or "bubble" until further notice. Each bubble will be

led by the same adult every day and will use the same area in the building. The bubbles will be kept away from other people and groups. We aim to use the outside area as much as possible which will be split into 3 separate areas. All inside and outside areas will have access to similar resources which will be cleaned or put away for a week after each group has used it.

Where possible, we will try to group children with those peers they are familiar with and where applicable, with those who will be moving onto the same school in September. They may not be with their key worker.

Play and Learning

As the children enter the building, they will go straight to their area. They will then wash their hands with soap and water. We will try, where possible to keep the routines that we had before lockdown.

We will begin the session with "Dough Disco" (using squash balls instead of play dough as they can be cleaned).

The children will then take part in a structured activity, linking to our Transport topic.

It will then be "Free play" within their designated area, either inside or outside, depending on the weather. During this time, the children will work towards their individual Next Steps.

The children will then have snack time, again within their bubble, in separate areas.

This will be followed with phonics and a story.

The children will then be dismissed when their adult is at the front of the "pick-up" queue.

We will continue to remind the children about the steps they should take to keep themselves safe including regular handwashing, and sneezing into a tissue throughout the day.

Cleaning

All resources that are used /touched during a session, will be cleaned using an antibacterial spray or wipe before the next session. Where this is not possible e.g. books, the resources will be put away for a week before being used again. Outside equipment will be sprayed after each session.

We will have a fourth member of staff who will be keeping on top of the cleaning of busy contact points such as the bathroom.

I hope this information will aid your decision of whether you would like your child to return at the beginning of June. We understand how difficult it is. Where possible, we are hoping to be able to accommodate all of the children who wish to return. For those who are not yet confident in returning, your places will be kept and we will share the activities we have done on Facebook so that you can have a go at home. You may change your mind at any time but we ask you give us at least a weeks notice.

Please can you confirm if your child will definitely be attending or not from Tuesday 2nd June by Tuesday 26th May. We will then let you know by Friday 29th May which adult your child will be working with and to confirm your sessions.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, please do not hesitate to contact me via this email address with any questions or queries.

Kind Regards

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Manager