



Monday 15th June 2020

Reopening school to nursery from next week

Dear Families,

I want to let you know what we are putting in place to welcome **nursery children** back from next week. We have based all our plans on the very latest health and safety guidance, but also balancing this with children's emotional wellbeing, as we know that this is an anxious time for adults and children.

As we are limited in how many children we can offer a place to we have prioritised the children who are due to **move into reception in September**.

Small Groups called 'bubbles'

Children in nursery, will be invited back to school in small groups called 'bubbles' for **5 set sessions every other week**. In nursery, this means a bubble will have no more than 13 children from the class with their class teacher/room leader and a teaching assistant. The bubble is important to ensure that children and adults are not mixing with others during the school day. For this reason, if a child is unable to attend on their agreed set week, they will not be able to attend another 'bubble' the following week, they would have to wait until it is their 'bubbles' turn.

Drop off and pick up times

To ensure that we practise social distancing, 'bubbles' **will be given set drop off and pick up times**. It will be important that adults bringing their child to nursery, stick to these times to ensure that there is not a crowd of people gathering. There will be 2 metre markers and signs around the entrance and classrooms, just like you would find in a supermarket. **Only 1 adult** with a child, will be allowed onto the school site and if possible we ask that siblings remain at home if they can. Unfortunately, adults will not be able to come into the classroom to settle their child at this time, but staff will be warm and welcoming on the doors.

If families would like to discuss matters about their child we ask that you telephone school or email the class teacher/room leader using the following email addresses:

Mrs Holland: aholland4qrl@nsix.org.uk

Mrs Ball: sball4hrj@nsix.org.uk

Attendance

If you have agreed to send your child to school on the set days, you will still need to call and let the school know, if your child is absent on those days, for any reason.

Bringing things to school

Children will not be able to bring any personal equipment into nursery, other than a coat, sun cream with their name on it (if sunny and hot), a sun hat, wellies and a spare change of clothes. This is to prevent the potential spread of the virus as much as possible. Please note that staff will be unable to apply sun cream so only bring this in if your child can apply it themselves.

Illness and first aid

If your child or anyone else in your family is displaying symptoms of Covid19; persistent new cough, high temperature and loss of sense of smell or taste, then the whole family must stay at home for 14 days. We understand that any child under the age of 5 are now able to be tested for Covid19. If staff were aware that anyone in the bubble had tested positive for Covid19, then the bubble would be closed and all staff and children would need to self isolate for 14 days.

If a child displays any Covid19 symptoms whilst at school, they will be immediately isolated from the 'bubble' and the family will be called.

If first aid is needed, staff will continue to administer this, using personal, protective equipment PPE, as appropriate.

What to wear

Please ensure your child is dressed in clothes that are easy for them to undo and manage as independently as possible.

Cleaning and handwashing

Cleaning will regularly take place throughout the session, particularly for contact points and toilets. Children will be regularly supported to wash their hands at the beginning as well as routinely throughout the session. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom to enable hand washing between activities.

Social Distancing

We accept that very young children cannot social distance. Therefore, by agreeing to send your child into nursery families understand that their child will be mixing with other children and adults in their bubble.

Emotional wellbeing

Staff understand that it is very important that as much as possible, children returning to nursery feel safe and supported. Whilst some equipment will be removed from the class, teachers will work hard to ensure as far as possible, the classrooms are still a warm and welcoming place for children to be. Priority will be given to activities that support emotional wellbeing e.g. specific stories and games that help children understand emotions and the use of the outdoors will be a priority.

Information about the nursery day

As much as possible staff will do their best to make the session as 'normal and routine' as possible. Children will have access to the outdoor area and take part in familiar activities e.g. story time, singing.

We hope that this information is helpful in enabling you to make an informed decision about what you feel is right for your child and your family. Whilst we can minimise the risk, we know that we cannot eliminate it entirely.

Nursery staff will call each family in their class during this week, to ask them to confirm their child's attendance with further information about times and dates of sessions.

If you have any queries or questions, please talk to your child's class teacher when they call.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Mardell
Head Teacher