



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents of Nursery Children at John Wilkinson Primary School,

We have been working with the staff and Governors of John Wilkinson Primary School and Nursery to formulate a plan for the return of the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes and for the children of Key workers. Whilst designing the plan we have taken into account the detailed advice given by the Department for Education (DFE), the advice of the local authority and teacher unions. We now feel confident that we can open the nursery on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> June for key workers) to the additional year groups whilst adhering to the guidance.

**We are still waiting for the Governments final announcement on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as they are clear they will only open if the 5 government tests have been met and it is safe to do so.**

Additional Government guidance for parents can be found here:

<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/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings>

We look forward to welcoming children back and making their nursery experience rich and varied. They will still receive high quality care and education but there are preventative measures added to make sure they are safe.

**Thank you.**

Before we set out these arrangements, we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation since we had to close to the majority of children from 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments with managing childcare, if you have children with special educational needs or disability, or if you are a single parent.

### **Welcoming back all children**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> June, early years and childcare providers will welcome back all children, if the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time. For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Some categories of children with specific serious health conditions should not attend their early years setting. If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

As we mentioned in our previous letter we were intending to split children in the Nursery class into two smaller groups, which we will refer to as 'bubbles'. Once assigned, the children and staff cannot change to a different bubble, as this will effectively limit contact. Each Nursery bubble will have 2 allocated staff and a maximum of 8 children.

Nursery currently has two bubbles established for the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. Returning children's initials are below.

Lisa will support both  
Bubbles

Bubble 1 (Maximum 8 in during a session in the first instance)

**Staff**

Leanne  
Chloe  
Claire W

**Children's initials**

LP, EP, LW, FP, CC, TL, RS, HR, DH, MP, FM, EH,  
NB, OG, JN, GH

Bubble 2 (Maximum 8 in during a session in the first instance)

**Staff**

Steph  
Zoe  
Clare T

**Children's initials**

PN, IW, LB, RRN, BM, JF, JM, MB, VH, CH, JD, LH,  
LH, LHe, SW

- This bubble will be taught in the nursery building which has been split into two.

***Please note that unfortunately parents, who have chosen not to send children to nursery, will still be charged for additional sessions booked.***

There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective. Here is key information for parents who have children returning, it may also be of interest to other parents who are considering what to do in the coming weeks.

### **The Start and End of the Day.**

Parents will not be allowed to enter the nursery building at any time in order to minimise contact.

- Arrive at 9:00am for a morning session.
- Arrival / collection at 11:30am (as usual)
- Arrival / collection at 12:30pm (as usual)
- Be collected at 3:00pm

### **9am and 3pm**

If your child is in the red team, they would come in through the main nursery door at the start of the day (9:00am) and leave through the main nursery door at the end of the day (3:00pm).

If your child is in the blue team, they would come in through the nursery playground door at the start of the day (9:00am) and leave through the nursery playground door at the end of the day (3:00pm).

- There will be outside spaces allocated for each bubble to ensure that they can play safely outdoors. Please do not allow your children to play on the school field or equipment whilst waiting.

### **Please bring:**

- Small bag containing nappy changing supplies, a clean set of clothes, a sunhat and sun cream. These will be wiped with antibacterial wipes on entry.

The staff within each of the bubbles will actively support the children to limit the risk of infection:

- Frequent hand washing will take place
- Respiratory hygiene (involving coughing, sneezing and tissue use) will be monitored, and carefully regulated by staff. All classes have lidded bins.
- Liquid soap and paper towels are available and we have stocks of these.
- Hand sanitiser is available and we have stocks of these.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day and all surfaces will be cleaned at the end of the day.
- Areas will be clearly cordoned off to minimise risk of people from different bubbles coming into close contact (less than 2 metres)
- Practical resources will not be shared between bubbles. Each bubble has its own toys and these will not be shared by the other bubble. Resources and equipment will be cleaned regularly.
- **Children should not bring items from home to school – this includes toys, comforters, large bags etc.**

### **Toileting.**

At times, the children may pass by others in a transient way (e.g. when going to the toilet) but this will be carefully monitored by staff to limit risk.

Nappies will be changed as usual with staff wearing the same PPE (apron and gloves) that they usually wear. Intimate care will continue in the same way as it always has.

Children will be allowed to access the toilets as usual during each session, but will be closely supported by staff who will be on hand to ensure routines are followed. Children will continue to be supported to wash their hands. Children will be asked to use specific toilets marked for their “bubble”.

### **Clothes.**

The children should wear practical, appropriate clothing and footwear (that are suitable for indoor and outdoor play). **They will need to wear a clean set of clothes at the start of every day** to reduce cross contamination. Children will need a light coat and on wet days they will need wellies. As and when Forest School sessions are arranged, children will need to bring in their Forest School waterproofs. We will let you know when that will be.

Please apply sun cream before school if it is a sunny day and send children with appropriate sun protection. Permissions for further application will be sent to you for completion. Staff will wear gloves for this.

### **Playtime.**

Play zones will be marked and children should play in their own zone and not with the children from other Bubbles. Staff will provide games for them to play and help them understand the new way of playing with toys supplied for their group. We are lucky to have extensive grounds and we will be using these to ensure children have lots of space and time to play as usual.

### **Lunchtime.**

The children will remain in their bubble and have a timetabled slot to eat their dinner in the nursery. They will eat their dinner alongside the rest of their bubble and will not be allowed to sit with other children. Adults will support them as usual. As usual, handwashing and surface cleaning will be an integral part of this process.

We would encourage all children to eat school dinners but if necessary lunch boxes can be sent to school but these will be wiped with anti-bacterial wipes.

The children will have the usual opportunities for play (remaining in their bubbles) in designated areas after eating.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club.**

We will only be offering this service to the children of Key Workers on the first week of re-opening and then we will review this. All sessions, at the point of school reopening to additional children, will be chargeable at the usual rates.

### **Hygiene measures.**

Strict hygiene measures will be in place and this includes additional lunchtime cleaning from our team of cleaners.

Some toys, which are difficult to clean e.g. soft toys and play dough, has been removed to ensure the environment is hygienic. This doesn't mean we won't use a wide range of resources, we will just adapt so we might use salt dough which can be disposed of when one child has used it etc.

### **Health and safety.**

We will hold additional fire safety drills to ensure children know where to go during evacuation with their bubble.

Classrooms will be well ventilated as advised. No air conditioning will be used.

Tables have been spaced so that children are not sat close together.

No assemblies will be held unless in the class “bubble”.

Signage will help you to find out what to do, where to go and how to socially distance.

### **Remote Learning.**

- Larger numbers of nursery staff are involved with face-to-face teaching at school so remote education provision for other children will continue to be via the VLE. However, please be aware that due to staffing in nursery there will be some adaptation. Details will follow.

### **Communication.**

If you should need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone or ask for an appointment via the school administrators using the lobby. Staff will only meet parents if it is necessary and please adhere to social distancing.

### **If a child, or adult, shows symptoms of the virus.**

If anyone in nursery displays symptoms, they will be immediately isolated and arrangements made to send them home. If the person is confirmed to be infected with the virus, everyone in that bubble will be enforced to self-isolate for 14 days. School would contact you directly if this affects your child. Could we please ask that you ensure nursery has up to date emergency contact information (considering anyone on your list that may be shielding and unable to collect your child).

Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back into nursery and hope that the measures that we have put in place will help provide reassurance that your child's safety is at the heart of our decision-making during this time.

The government is strongly encouraging parents to send children back to nursery and we are keen to support this and make an open and friendly environment with additional safety measures in place.

Remember, if you decide to bring your child back to nursery at a later date they will start on a Monday, so we will need to know on the Thursday before they join us so we can adjust the bubbles.

I am sorry that the letter is a list of “please do and please don't” statements but we need to ensure we have provided the information you require. Please feel free to contact school if you need clarification or have any concerns.

Yours Sincerely

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Headteacher

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