



Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parents of Nursery Children at John Wilkinson Primary School,

As you are aware, the government have announced plans to gradually release the lock down measures in school and we are writing to you about our plans to welcome nursery children back in from the 2nd June (as long as the 5 government tests have been met). We will endeavour to make the nursery environment as familiar and friendly as possible so the children are as happy as ever to come into school. However, in order to limit contact between children there are a few changes we wanted to make you aware of.

The government states, 'Early years children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff,' so we have made adjustments to limit the numbers of children and staff who are in contact with each other.

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>

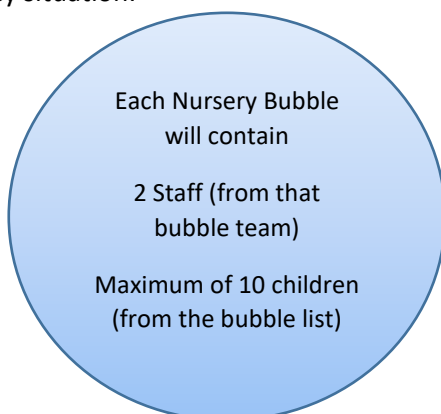
All nursery children and staff will be split into two teams: red and blue. Children and staff in the red team will always be timetabled together, in a bubble, and the same for the blue team to limit contact.

The indoor nursery area has been divided into two distinct areas and the children in the red group will be sited in one area and the children in the blue group in a different area to limit social and surface contact. There will also be outside spaces allocated for each group to ensure that they can play safely outdoors as well.

Shared outside spaces will also be available for use including forest school and some outdoor classrooms which may be timetabled to different bubbles. Meticulous cleaning will be implemented between different bubbles, to minimise the risk of surface infection.

On the days that your child is in nursery, they will be put into their 'bubble'. Each nursery bubble will have 2 allocated staff and a maximum of 10 children. During many activities, this will be further divided into 2 mini-bubbles with 1 of the members of staff working with 5 of the children.

They will not be able to interact (closer than 2 metres) with any other adult or child from another bubble except in the case of an emergency situation.



A maximum of 2 nursery bubbles will be operational at any one time.

The staff within each of the bubbles will also 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

- 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)

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.

The Start and End of the Day.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building (with the exception of the foyer) at any time in order to minimise contact.

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

Pickups and drop offs during the day.

If you are bringing your child into school during the day, you need to come to the nursery door as usual. If you are collecting your child during the day, you need to come onto the grass by the nursery and your child will be brought out to you.

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.

Clothing and items from home.

Children will need to wear a clean set of clothes at the start of every day to reduce cross contamination. Please don't send soft blankets or toys from home although photographs would be acceptable.

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

If anyone in school 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 affected your child.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back into school and hope that the measures that we are putting 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 school but if you choose to keep your child at home, you will not currently be subject to any fines.

Thank you for your involvement with our consultation. Please feel free to contact school in you need clarification or have any concerns.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs J Carter Headteacher