

OFSTED Registration Number: **EY497807**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Further to our letter, advising you of the delay in the wider opening of schools in Sheffield until **15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**, I can now confirm we have been given clearance to open on that date. Today Councillor Abtissam Mohamed, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Sheffield City Council announced:

*"We received updated advice from Sheffield's Director of Public Health, Greg Fell. He has advised that good progress has been made towards addressing the concerns he previously outlined. In particular, there is evidence that the national "test and trace" system, recently introduced, is in place and is working effectively in Sheffield. Other key indicators, including infection rates, also continue to improve. In considering all of this he has advised that he is satisfied that **schools and childcare settings can begin to open more widely, in a planned and measured way, from 15<sup>th</sup> June.**"*

This letter explains some things you need to know about dropping and collecting your child at nursery and changes to our usual routines. It is based on our COVID 19 Risk Assessment which is in place to help us keep children, families, staff and our community protected during this pandemic.

If at all possible please try to **walk to nursery**.

If you are coming by **car** please **park considerately** and ensure you travel in a car that **belongs to your household**. You should not have a lift from anyone outside your household.

If you are travelling by **public transport e.g. bus/taxi** please ensure your **child does not eat** on their journey, so avoiding touching their face after touching parts of the bus and ensure you follow guidelines about travelling on public transport e.g. **social distancing and use of face masks**.

Please ensure your **child and everyone in your household is well and that you have been following government guidelines about staying at home and observing social distancing** before coming to nursery. This is to protect your child, their friends and families and our staff as well as the wider community. **If your child/others in your household are ill or you suspect symptoms of COVID 19 please DO NOT come to nursery but ring and let us know as soon as possible**. Please also let us know if your child is not coming to nursery for any other reason as well. We will contact you if we don't hear from you.

Your child can attend nursery every day between **Monday and Wednesday** each week until the end of term (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July).

We have organised children into 'bubble' groups of no more than fifteen children with their staff team, which will stay the same throughout this half term. **Your child is in the Green**

**Bubble in the Transition Room.** We have grouped children together with others going to their school wherever possible.

We will be asking your child to wash their hands with warm soapy water regularly at nursery, including on arrival and before departure, when going outside or coming back into the classroom, before and after eating or after going to the toilet. We will have hand sanitiser available, especially outside and use of this will be closely supervised. We will also talk to children about ways to greet friends and follow social distancing where possible. **Please talk to your child about this at home as well.**

We will not be using the usual entrance into nursery to avoid your child passing children and adults from other bubbles in reception area or the corridors. This means you will need to use the path leading to the **middle gate in the playground to enter nursery. Please follow the arrows and stand 2 meters apart from other families.**

We have staggered arrival and finish times to ensure there will not be large groups of children and families at the gate at any one time. Please ensure you arrive between **9.20am and 9.30am. You will need to collect your child from the same gate between 2.30pm and 2.40pm. You will then need to continue to walk along the path in the same direction to leave nursery to avoid passing other families who are waiting.**

**Please avoid chatting to other families near this space and remember to 'stay alert' and observe social distancing at all times.**

We will ask you to drop your child at the gate with an adult from your bubble along with their bag and coat. This is also where you will collect them to ensure as few as possible people come into the building. **Please talk to your child so they know this will happen on the first day and every day after that.**

If you are paying for **school dinners** please ensure you put the correct amount of money in an envelope, labelled with your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and number of dinners required. Each dinner costs **£1.75 (£5.25 for all three days)**. Please ensure you **pay on a Monday morning for the week.** You will be asked to drop your envelope in a box on arrival. **No change can be given** as protocols for the handling of money have to be strictly followed.

Please send your child to nursery in a clean set of clothes each day and wash them between wears. Thank you.

Please see the **list on next page of things we need your child to bring with them and things they cannot bring to nursery at the moment.** Thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ring or email us. Thank you for your support.

We are really looking forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards

*Nancy*

Nancy Farrow (Headteacher)

<p><b>Things your child will need</b> ✓</p>	<p><b>Things your child cannot bring</b> ❌</p>
<p>A drink of water with your child's name on</p> 	<p>Toys and other bits and pieces from home</p> 
<p>Sun cream (to be left at nursery) with your child's name on.</p>  <p><b>Please apply long lasting cream at home instead if possible.</b></p>	<p>Sun glasses or other none essential items</p> 
<p>A cardigan, jumper or coat with your child's name on.</p> 	<p>Pictures and presents for adults or other children.</p> 
<p>A labelled sun hat with your child's name on.</p> 	
<p>A packed lunch, if your child is not having a school dinner, with your child's name on.</p> 	<p><b>Things we will still be doing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having fun and playing with our friends and key people</li> <li>• Following the EYFS</li> <li>• Following our usual routines</li> <li>• Playing outside and inside</li> <li>• Getting ready for school</li> <li>• Learning about growing and changes</li> <li>• Talking about how we are feeling and things we have been up to</li> <li>• Learning some Leavers' songs to share on our Facebook page and website</li> <li>• And lots more</li> </ul>
<p>Spare clothes (all named).</p> 	
<p><b>Please dress your child in clothes they can get on and off as independently as possible especially for using the toilet.</b></p>	
<p><b>Please send your child in practical shoes and avoid laces where possible so they can independently take them off or put them on.</b></p>	