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Dear Parents / Carers,

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced that all schools are due to reopen in England on Monday 8th March. With this news the nursery will return to working as one bubble in the main nursery.

All safety measures and systems remain in place, in line with the Government's guidance, to protect our children and staff as far as possible from coronavirus.

Attendance

We hope that as the situation has improved that more parents will be happy to send their child to nursery. If you still have concerns, please contact the nursery to discuss these.

Arrival / Collection:

In order to minimize the number of people on the nursery grounds we need to put the following procedures in place:

For Autumn One we need to stagger drop off and collection times.

Three / four year olds – All children to enter and be collected at Green Room door

ALL DAY CHILDREN

Children in Green Room will start nursery at 8.30am and need to be collected at 3.15pm.

Children in Red Room will start nursery at 8.45am and need to be collected at 3.30pm.

MORNING CHILDREN

Children in Green Room will start nursery at 8.30am and need to be collected at 11.15am.

Children in Red Room will start nursery at 8.45am and need to be collected at 11.30am.

AFTERNOON CHILDREN

Children in Green Room will start nursery at 12.30pm and need to be collected at 3.15pm.

Children in Red Room will start nursery at 12.45pm and need to be collected at 3.30pm.

Two year olds – all children to enter and be collected at Two's door

MORNING CHILDREN

Children will start nursery at 8.30am and need to be collected at 11.30am.

AFTERNOON CHILDREN

Children will start nursery at 12.30pm and need to be collected at 3.30pm.

There will be a one way system in the nursery grounds – please enter through the pedestrian gate and leave through the carpark gate (this will be sign posted). Please observe social distancing and avoid congregating in one area.

We ask that only one adult accompanies each child to nursery to minimise congestion.

Please say goodbye to your child at the door, a member of staff will be waiting to take them to the classroom.

What to bring to Nursery

Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing and has a coat. Your child will also need to bring a draw string bag with spare clothes in. The bag should contain one pair of trousers, one pair of underwear, one pair of socks and one spare t shirt. This bag will stay at nursery on your child's peg.

Face Coverings

Parents will need to continue to wear a face covering on the nursery grounds, thank you to all parents who are following this rule. If you have an exemption and are unable to wear a face covering, please speak to a member of staff. The Government continue to maintain that 'primary school children (including nursery aged children) will not need to wear a face covering... face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided'. Therefore, there is no need for a child to wear a face covering whilst on the nursery site.

Track and Trace

The NHS Test and Trace service helps to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of the infection and save lives. By playing your part through the actions set out below, you will directly help to contain the virus by reducing its spread.

Playing your part:

- if you develop symptoms, you must continue to follow the rules to self-isolate with other members of your household and get a test to find out if you have coronavirus
- if you test positive for coronavirus, you must share information promptly about your recent contacts through the NHS Test and Trace service to help us alert other people who may need to self-isolate
- if you have had close recent contact with someone who has coronavirus, you must self-isolate if the NHS Test and Trace service advises you to do so
- if you are returning from travel abroad it is important to check how you should self-isolate

As a school we will be adopting the track and trace system to support the NHS and reduce the spread of the virus. Please ensure we have up to date contact details for you as we may need to contact you at short notice. We will endeavour to keep school / bubbles open if it is safe to do so.

Lateral Flow Device testing is now offered to all staff to complete twice weekly, to minimise the spread of Covid. If we have a situation where we do not have enough staff due to self-isolation / illness, we may need to close.

What happens if my child is unwell?

If your child displays any symptoms of C-19, (new continuous cough, high temperature, a loss of, or change to their normal sense of taste or smell), please **DO NOT** send your child into school and call the school office to explain the circumstances. You are encouraged to obtain a test, and inform the school as soon as possible of the result. If your

child tests positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days, as well as family members. If the school is notified of a positive case, we will seek advice as to whether a bubble needs to close. The school will treat any information confidentially.

If a member of your family, living in your household, displays the symptoms above, please do not send your child into school, until a negative result for C-19 has been obtained. If the result is positive, your child should be kept at home for 10 days to self-isolate. Please keep the school fully informed.

If your child develops symptoms of C-19 whilst in school, they will be isolated in a separate room under adult supervision and you will be asked to collect your child immediately and get them tested, (NHS.uk/coronavirus or call 119). You will need to inform the school of the result at the earliest opportunity.

Normal absence procedures apply for sickness, diarrhoea, chicken pox etc. Please remember to call the nursery office by 9.30am, on the morning of the absence, if your child is expected into school but is unable to attend.

Parental involvement

In the short term, we need to continue to minimise on site parental involvement. Parents will not be allowed into the nursery without prior arrangement until further notice. Only essential visitors will be admitted. Guidelines permitting, we will be able to invite parents in from June 2021, resuming Welcome Wednesdays, coffee mornings and parent and toddler groups. We will also aim to resume parent workshops.

In order that we have a full picture of your child's attainment and progress, we have decided to move parents evening to after the Easter Holidays. These will now take place virtually on Wednesday 28th April and Wednesday 5th May. Further communication will be sent nearer the time.

Curriculum

On the children's return, we will once again focus on settling your children in and supporting their mental health and well-being during these difficult, uncertain times.

Our main aim is to ensure that your child has a happy and successful transition back into nursery life so that we can all get back to the fun of learning.

We hope that the above information will give you reassurance that we are doing everything we possibly can to give your child a happy, safe and positive experience.

We look forward to seeing more of you return on Monday 8th March and once again would like to thank you wholeheartedly for all your efforts with Home Learning during the lockdown.

Best wishes

The Tunstall Team