



Stockingford
Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

After the recent Government announcement which stated that the 5 tests for reducing infection have been met and taking into account that our absolute priority is always the health and safety of our children, families and staff, we have completed a risk assessment and have now had this approved by both the Local Authority and our Governing Body.

This has enabled us to make the decision that:

From the 8th June we will welcome to site a core group (our bubble) of up to 16 children in total, who will be based in the Big Nursery classroom.

- These maybe children from Little Nursery or Big Nursery.
- Nursery sessions will start at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm.
- Unless they are the child of a keyworker, children will be offered up to 3 sessions per week.
- We will build up to this maximum number of children **gradually** as the risk assessment tells us it is safe to do so.
- Not all children will be attending on the same days.
- We will continue to review the risk assessment daily.

We have made this decision because the risk assessment highlights:

- Big Nursery is one large open teaching space with one set of toilets, one garden and one access point for parents/carers in and out of the garden.
- Little Nursery is much smaller space and will not be in daily use for children. Should a child become unwell whilst onsite, they will wait in Little Nursery with a member of staff until a parent or carer is able to collect them.
- We will need to limit the number of parents/carers onsite at drop off and collection.
- Staff ratios will need to be increased to support frequent handwashing for children, supporting social distancing wherever this is possible and regular cleaning of resources and the classroom.
- Whilst we can teach children about why it is so important to be social distancing currently, and can direct children to smaller groups for adult led activities, lunch and snack time to further reduce the risk, during play and routines of the day **we do not expect and cannot guarantee** that children and staff will maintain a 2m distance from each other at all times. This is due to the very young age and developmental requirements of the children.

Our priority, in line with Government expectation, is to make the places that we have available for **children of keyworkers and vulnerable children**. We would then prioritise children who will be **leaving to go to Infant or Primary School in September**.

Please read the guidance below regarding the processes that have been put into place to keep children and staff and families as safe as we can. These have been derived from the risk assessment process. Should you be offered a place onsite at Nursery School and you wish to accept this, the expectation is that you will adhere to the guidelines below, to keep all onsite as safe as possible.

Please note the following:

- Access to the Big Nursery classroom will be via the gate to the garden next to the front entrance.
- Please do not come onto site any earlier than 9am or 3pm to avoid adult and child gatherings. Please leave the site promptly after dropping off or collecting your child.
- **Only one parent/carer** will be allowed onsite to drop off and collect your child.
- We ask that children **do not** bring any toys into Nursery from home.
- Please observe the social distance markers in the front of the building, down the path and on the soft surface in the Nursery garden. We recognise that the path is narrow and makes social distancing extra tricky – please be mindful.
- Children will be met by staff at the Nursery verandah door – please say goodbye to your child here, putting their lunch on the lunch trolley. Coats and bags can be hung on the portable coat rack also located here. Children will also be collected from here at the end of the session.
- We will have a temperature testing station just inside the verandah door, where children's temperatures will be taken using a contactless digital thermometer at the start of the session. Please wait with your child whilst this is taken. **Any child with a temperature will be unable to remain onsite**. We would ask that you follow national guidelines with regard to self-isolating testing for COVID-19.
- Please provide a sunhat and a bottle of sun cream for your child to be applied during the day should the weather necessitate this. Please apply sun cream to your child before the start of the session.
- Hand gel will be available – please use this.
- Please **do not** send your children to Nursery School if they are at all unwell.
- Should your child become unwell whilst they are at Nursery School, we will isolate your child with a member of staff in Little Nursery and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. We have a contactless digital thermometer onsite and will take your child's temperature using this. Should your child become unwell with COVID-19 type symptoms, the staff will wear aprons, gloves and masks/face shield as a precaution whilst they wait for you to collect your child.
- If any member of your household becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, please observe the 14 day isolation period for all family members or arrange for family testing.
- Parents/carers are asked not to be onsite to drop off or collect children if they are unwell or if they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- We respectfully ask that you adhere to all relevant guidelines regarding social distancing whilst at home. Failure to do this may mean that we have to review your child's place onsite at Nursery School.
- Children will need to bring their school bag with a change of clothes and nappies/pull-ups and wipes.
- Children are requested to wear **clean freshly laundered clothes daily**.

- If you are accessing public transport to come to Nursery, please adhere to the current health and safety guidance. (From the 15th June, wearing a face covering will be mandatory on all public transport).

We have made amendments to our Nursery environment to mitigate the risk of infection. Children will be able to access the middle section of the Big Nursery classroom only, the verandah and the garden. We aim as much as possible to access provision outdoors, including snack time, lunchtime and small group time. Activities and resources have been chosen to support frequent cleaning.

During the Nursery session we will:

- Ask your child to wash their hands as soon as they come into Nursery, and support them with this.
- Ask your child to observe frequent handwashing as good practice, and support them with this.
- During adult led activities such as small group time, snack time and lunchtime, adults will support social distancing by asking children to sit on a coloured spot, or maintaining a distance between each child at the table, explaining to the children why we are doing this.
- Encouraging good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' NHS approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and lidded bins throughout the Nursery.
- During play in session, adults will engage in play activities with the children to support learning and development. Please note however that we **do not expect** and **cannot guarantee** that children and staff will remain 2 metres apart at all times. Should your child need physical comfort or contact, staff **will** provide this.

Nursery staff will:

- Also take their own temperature when they arrive onsite in the morning. Any staff member with a temperature will not be expected to stay onsite. Any staff member who is taken unwell during session will leave site immediately.
- Personally maintain frequent good handwashing and the use of hand gel throughout the session.
- Wear disposable aprons and gloves when changing children or changing nappies as is our standard practice.
- Wear aprons, gloves and a mask/face shield if they are waiting with a child in the Little Nursery classroom who needs to be collected because they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Clean the environment surfaces and toilet/nappy changing area at regular intervals throughout the day, and any resources in the middle of the day that require this.
- Clean resources at the end of the day.
- Wear freshly laundered clothes every day.
- Facilities staff will clean the Nursery School at the end of the day in line with National guidance.

If a child or teacher tests positive for COVID-19 they need to continue self-isolating for 7 days (until well and have had no temperature for 48 hours), and their own household contacts need to continue to self-isolate for 14 days, following the national stay at home guidance. In addition to the above, where a child or teacher tests positive, the children and teachers in the bubble will need to isolate for 14 days – they are close contacts.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

For children who are unable to access a place onsite, we will continue to offer learning opportunities via our Facebook page and a text link to your phone of activities posted to our website. Nursery teachers will continue to stay in contact with you by telephone.

More information is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=369bae49-4d50-422a-bef0-03f1685c6434&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Thank you for your continuing support for the Nursery School. We will of course keep you regularly updated with information.

Take care, stay safe.

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