



## Stockingford Nursery School

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### Provision from September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

After the recent Government announcement which stated that Schools now need to plan for the return for all pupils from September, we have revised our risk assessment which has enabled us to say that all children will be able to access provision from September.

**From September we will welcome to site all of our Big Nursery children, who will be based in the Big Nursery classroom. This will be our Big Nursery 'bubble'.**

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.

#### Please note the following:

- Access to the Big Nursery classroom will be via the gate to the garden next to the front entrance. Please respect social distancing markers.
- Please do not come onto site any earlier than your child's start and finish time 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 unless this is essential for their well-being.
- 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. A member of staff will support your child to hang up their coat and bag on their peg in the cloakroom. **Parents and carers are currently unable to come into the Big Nursery indoor classroom at this time.**
- Hand gel will be available on the lunch trolley – please use this should you require.
- Please **do not** send your children to Nursery School if they are at all unwell. Please do telephone or text us to let us know if your child is absent.
- Should your child become unwell whilst they are at Nursery School, we will isolate your child with a member of staff and ask you to collect them immediately. 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.
- Children will need to bring their school bag with a change of clothes and nappies/pull-ups and wipes. Please use your Nursery bag and make sure you label with your child's name. Sometimes, adding a charm or a keyring to your child's bag helps your child to identify it as their own.
- If you are accessing public transport to come to Nursery, please adhere to the current health and safety guidance. (From the 15<sup>th</sup> June, wearing a face covering is currently mandatory on all public transport)

We have carefully considered our Nursery environment to mitigate the risk of transmission of infection. We aim as much as possible to access provision outdoors, including snack time, lunchtime and small group time.

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 for example, 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 observe social distancing. Should your child need physical comfort or contact, staff **will** provide this.

Nursery staff will:

- 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 who needs to be collected because they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms
- Clean the 'touch points', environment surfaces and toilet/nappy changing area in the middle of the day and at other times during the day as and when needed.
- Clean resources regularly.
- Facilities staff will clean the Nursery School at the end of the day in line with National guidance.
- Observe social distancing between each other

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 you **must let us know straight away**. If a child or teacher tests positive for COVID-19 they will need to continue self-isolating for 7 days (and 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, all the children and teachers in the Big Nursery bubble will need to isolate for 14 days – they are close contacts.

More information is available here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Our full risk assessment for COVID-19 is available on our website.

Opportunities to speak to your child's keyworker face to face are currently limited. If you need to discuss something with your child's keyworker, please telephone the Nursery School and request a telephone call, stating your child's name, your child's keyworker and what it is you would like to discuss. In addition, keyworkers will be making regular phone calls to parents/carers to make sure we are doing all that we can to help your child settle happily at Nursery School.

Please be mindful that these additional procedures have been put in place to keep children, families and staff as safe as possible. The drop off and pick up times for your child may take longer as we respect social distancing and we ask for your understanding in this.

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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