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## Our Covid-19 safety measures

### Drop off and collection:

There will be no early drop off slots available until further notice. To comply with social distancing measures and safety, there will be 2 metre markers on the Memorial Field for you to queue, or you may wish to wait in your car until you see a member of staff at the rear gate. The children will be asked to wash their hands before entering and bags and coats will be placed on the coat stand. These will be moved into the lobby once we are in session. At the end of the session, we request that you follow the same social distancing measures, and we will bring the children out to you, one at a time.

### **Drop off and pick up:**

Please talk to your child and prepare them for their first day or their return to pre-school so that they are ready to come in by themselves without being distressed, as we will try not to physically take them from you. We request that only one person per household consistently picks up and drops off.

### **Parents Queue:**

2 metre markers will be set out on the Memorial Field. Parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the pre-school premises keeping 2 metres apart. Parents will not be permitted to gather outside pre-school, or use the entrance lobby to wait in.

### **Cleaning:**

The hall will be opening to other users, who are being made aware of their responsibilities to undertake their own cleaning, and the cleaning of 'heavy traffic' areas. The caretaker will still be carrying out his duties alongside the extra group cleaning. We will clean and rotate resources after every session as well as regular cleaning of the floor and surfaces to maintain a high level of hygiene.

### **Transport:**

Parents are requested to AVOID using public transport where possible. We advise travelling by car, walking or cycling. If you must use public transport, then you will be required to adhere to the social distancing rules, ensuring that you remain 2 metres away from others, and wear a mask or face covering.

### **Large group activities:**

We have to cancel all social events which include trips and any external visitors until Government advice allows us to do so safely. 'Circle time' activities, including story/singing time will be carried out safely distanced or in small groups.

### **Lunch/snack time:**

There will be NO lunch clubs for the foreseeable future. Snack time will be spaced so that social distancing can be maintained while eating. The children will be served snack in individual bowls instead of self-selecting to minimise contact.

### **Our environment:**

We will continue to provide care and education in small groups. The children will have access to individual craft packs and playdough to limit the amount of shared resources. We plan to spend most of our time in the garden (weather permitting) and will continue to provide water play and the mud kitchen resources. Currently, we are unable to offer dressing up or soft toys.

### **Hand washing:**

There will be a hand washing station available before entry into pre-school, to ensure staff and children follow stringent hand washing. Good hand washing will continue to be promoted throughout the session, particularly before and after snack, after sneezing/coughing, coming in from the garden and after using the toilet. Staff also have access to hand sanitiser.

### **PPE (personal, protective equipment)**

Staff and children are NOT required to wear PPE in setting. However, we have supplies of PPE such as disposable gloves, aprons and masks, which will be used should a child become unwell whilst at pre-school.

### **Children that become unwell:**

If any child becomes unwell during the session they will be placed in isolation with a member of staff away from others until they are collected. It is vital that they are collected immediately, so please ensure we have your current/correct contact details. If we feel it necessary, we will ask you to have your child Covid 19 tested before allowing them back to pre-school, and you will need to adhere to the current rules around isolating at home.

### **Stay at home:**

If you or anybody in your household become unwell with a:

1. Continuous cough,
2. Temperature, or
3. Loss of taste or smell,

then the whole family will need to isolate for 14 days in line with Government guidance. Any child living with a person who is at increased risk of severe illness, or an extremely vulnerable person who is shielding from the virus, should stringently follow the guidance on social distancing and minimise contact outside the home. Such children are advised NOT to attend the setting.

### **Parent & Staff communication:**

Face to face communication between staff and parents will be minimal. Any questions or problems can be emailed to [bleanpreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bleanpreschool@hotmail.co.uk), or we can be contacted via phone on 07944 290301

### **Visitors:**

We cannot allow any (non-essential) visitors into the setting until further notice, which also includes parents/carers. If you feel that your child will need parental support when attending for the first few times, we can arrange a settling in session in the garden, socially distanced from the other children. Adults will be asked to wash their hands and wear a mask or face covering. These visits will be tailored to suit individual needs. Please contact us for further information or support.

### **Clothing and outdoor play:**

Please ensure hygiene is maintained and that children come in with fresh, clean clothes daily. We request a change of shoes/wellies and an outer layer of clothing for outdoor use, to maximise time spent out in the garden. The children will be encouraged to play in the garden (weather permitting although a gazebo will be erected to provide cover from both the sun and any light rain).

### **Bags and toys:**

Children will NOT be allowed to bring in toys or comforters from home. Parents will be required to leave a clearly labelled bag with sufficient clean clothes and nappies (if required) at pre-school. If children need to be changed, their clothes will be bagged and replaced in their bags.

### **Buggies & ride-ons:**

Buggies and ride-ons will not be permitted to be left at pre-school until further notice. You will be asked to take them home after dropping your child off.

### **Useful links:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>