



20th May 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

As you may be aware, on Sunday 10th May 2020 the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, announced that as part of the country's gradual easing of the coronavirus lockdown, schools may be able to gradually reopen from 1st June 2020. Due to our local authority's term dates we are therefore making plans to hopefully re-open from 8th June 2020. At nursery we would like nothing more than the children to return and we are being positive and constructive in our planning to do this. Throughout this planning the safety of our nursery community is at the forefront of our thoughts. Managing these two things is complex and difficult. We must focus cautiously on the practicalities of expanding the number of children, reorientation, staffing, ensuring full risk assessments are carried out and tested as best we can prior to more children coming into school.

We have been busy drafting detailed plans to support potential re-opening for those families who indicated they would like their child to return when we are able to re-open. Our plans are developing daily as we continue to receive regular, extensive guidance from the government and the local authority, advising us on protective measures that must be implemented.

I want to be as transparent as possible about the principles being applied as we undertake the necessary planning

- Children, their families and staff will be integrated back to nursery as safely as possible. Control measures to minimise the risk are being introduced.
- We are taking into account the guidance provided by the government and the local authority, the steps below are founded on guidelines specified within this guidance.
- The opening will be gradual and phased and the school arrangements will be different from before lockdown.

Following our initial risk assessments and planning, I would like to share some of the following aspects of our plans with you:

- Your child must not attend nursery school if they are self-isolating because they are considered to be a 'clinically extremely vulnerable individual'.



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- If you, your child, or anyone in your household is displaying any of the symptoms of coronavirus they should not attend nursery, however please do contact us to let us know.
- Priority will be given to children who are classed as vulnerable or be a 'key worker' family. Children who have been accessing the Nursery throughout, will continue to do so and they will continue to be based in the resource room. Priority of all other places will be in line with guidance, we are making plans to offer places to as many children as we are safely able to.
- For children who are returning for the first time since March, the number and pattern of hours will differ from the norm (in the same way that it has for vulnerable/ key worker children). The nursery day will be from 8.30am until 4pm. To facilitate social distancing start times will be staggered. This group must therefore arrive between 8.30 and 8.50am. Vulnerable/ key worker families will be arriving between 9am and 9.20am. These two groups should not meet so it is important drop off and collection times are adhered to. Likewise, collection time for this group will be between 3.40 and 4pm, with vulnerable/ keyworker children being collected slightly earlier.
- Children will be in small groups, with specific members of staff, these groups will remain constant. This group will be referred to as a 'bubble'. There will be no more than 15 children in any bubble.
- Careful consideration has been given to the members of each bubble, with the needs of the children being the focus of the decision making. Those moving on to primary school have been grouped together enabling them to be best supported throughout this period of transition.
- The children who are returning to nursery since the closure will be invited to attend on specific days/ hours. To accommodate bubbles, the days will be Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. Whilst we hope that families will accept the days/hours offered to them, regrettably an alternative cannot be given at the current time.
- These children will be based in the hall. The 2's room will not be used, as this needs to have another purpose at this time
- Bubbles will not come into contact with other staff or children.
- Children cannot move from one bubble to another.
- The organisation of the school day will vary, for example outside time will be staggered, therefore bubbles will not mix.
- Access to the building will be strictly limited, arrangements are being made for safe drop off and collections. Only one parent/ carer should accompany their child to nursery.. Staff will greet your child outside the building, parents and carers will



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unfortunately not be able to enter the building. You must drop off/ collect your child at the agreed time. Social distancing will apply at all times on the nursery premises, please ensure that you keep 2 meters apart from other parents/ carers when you drop off/ collect your, please do not gather at the entrance gate or doors.

- The guidance states that 'young children cannot be expected to be 2m apart from each other', whilst distancing measures are supported through the separation of bubbles, there is no capacity of us to keep distancing within the bubbles.
- We will be contacting parents/ carers of children who were due to start with us this term.
- Children (and staff) will be washing hands frequently throughout the day.
- We have adopted an increased cleaning regime.
- Non-essential gatherings, such as sports day will not take place until greater social contact is possible.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have indicated that you would like your child to return to nursery when we are able to re-open, I will be in touch again to let you know what days we are able to offer.

For those families who do not yet feel ready for their child to return, we understand and we would like to continue to work with you. We advise all families who are not in school to try to keep a daily routine wherever possible in order to promote emotional well-being throughout the family. In addition you may find this link to government guidance for parents and carers useful.

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

Please do keep in touch with us via Development Maps or Tapestry, If you are worried or concerned or would simply like further information please feel free to contact the school via email to headteacher@hollywoodpark.stockport.sch.uk.

Best Wishes

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