

# What will pre-school be like for my child when they return?

## Other children

- We will be only be having **8/9 children** in the setting each day.
- The children who will be attending pre-school will be spilt into two groups (or 'bubbles' as the government is calling them). **Group A** (with 8/9 children) will be able to attend pre-school on Mondays and Tuesdays. **Group B** (with a different 8/9 children) will be able to attend on Thursdays and Fridays. Two members of staff will be assigned to each group. Louise and Jannah will be Group A, Rebekah and Rachel will be Group B.
- We will aim to put friends together in the same groups but obviously cannot promise that this will always be possible due to parents needs/group size etc.
- Wednesdays will be used to **deep clean all toys and resources** so that the children are always presented with toys/resources that are clean from germs which may have been passed on from the other group.
- We will not be telling the children that they cannot hug/hold hands with their friends whilst at preschool. Although we will have set the room up to encourage social distancing, it is not expected that the children will adhere to these rules when interacting with their friends or the staff.
- We ask that only one parent/grandparent from each family does the drop off/pick up for each child. If you have other young siblings who cannot wait sensibly/safely outside the gate then you may bring them into the playground but they must remain close to your side at all times.

## What will the pre-school day be like?

- There will be **two drop off times** (9 am and 9.15 am) and **two pick up times** (2.45 am and 3 pm). You will be assigned a specific time. There will be 4 'parking spaces' in the playground. When you enter you will need to stand in a 'parking space' and wait for a member of staff to come out. She will call the children one at a time, and they will go into the pre-school where they will meet the other member of staff.
- The children will put their **main bag and coat** on the wooden trolley (which will be positioned under the shelter) as they walk up to the main pre-school door.
- They will take their **lunchbox (which needs to be a plastic one)** in with them. The staff member will take it and wipe it over with an antibacterial cloth before storing it in the kitchen.

- The children will wash their hands once they are in the building. They will also wash them at regular points and after specific situations (e.g. after blowing nose, sneezing etc) during the day, just as we always would.
- We are aiming for the pre-school room to look as much like it usually does, but we will be spacing things out more. There will be no soft furnishings (rugs, cushions) or soft toys, unless we can easily wipe/wash them.
- All toys and resources will be ones that we can easily wash and clean. There will still be books but these will be changed every session to ensure that any germs on them die before they are next used again.
- We will not have sand or playdough but the children will be able to use the water butt during outdoor play.
- We will do all the normal things we would usually do at pre-school but we have been informed that 'Out and About' sessions are not a good idea at the moment.
- In anything we do we will consider the risk of cross infection and take steps to minimise it in a child friendly way.
- We will still have snack and lunchtime together but there will be 4 children sat around a table, not 6. Where possible we will have snack/lunch outside.
- We ask that the children wear a clean set of clothes to pre-school each day, as will the staff.
- The children will be encouraged not to bring any toys from home into the setting. If they do bring them then they will have to remain in their bag for the duration of the pre-school day.
- It will be expected that each child will have their own pair of wellies, sunhat and waterproof suit which they will keep in their bag, (the wellies can be placed in a separate plastic bag).
- We will expect all children to have had suncream applied before they come to pre-school (if it is a sunny day). The staff will apply a second coat at lunchtime, washing their hands in between each child's application.
- One member of staff will be regularly disinfecting 'frequent use' areas/objects, e.g. door handles, table surfaces, gate handles, taps, toilet flush etc, throughout the day. However they will not be drawing the children's attention to this so as not to make the children overly aware of the need for constant cleaning.