

## September 2020

Welcome back to our new school year, we hope you all had a lovely summer break, and are ready for the new term to begin.

We will be welcoming lots of new children over the coming months and we hope you will join us in helping them to settle in and get to know us all.

We have a few new routines set in place following the government guidelines to ensure the safety of our children, families, and staff.

We will be using the gate at the back of the garden as our new entrance into school, this is so we will not be mixing with the families and children in the main school. We have set up a one-way system for you all to come into the garden and bring your children to their classroom. The children will be in bubbles while with us to reduce the chance of all the children playing with the same toys (Bubble A and Bubble B). These are clearly marked on the doors and windows and we will be there to help you to the correct classroom. During our time off we have set up a path to prevent us all getting muddy when bringing our children in. Please keep your children with you while walking them in, so no mud is brought into our classroom. I will monitor this at the end of each term and review how we will go forward regularly and inform you of any changes as they happen.

We will be having minimum contact with any visitors from outside the setting into the building. So once you get to the classroom a member of staff will be there to welcome you to the setting and take your children from you. We will take all the children's temperature as they enter and once given the ok they will go off to play. We will settle the children in to our routine and call you if necessary (No call means we have no concerns).

We will not be using the yellow bags to come and go for the meantime so could you bring them in on their first day with a change of clothes in them and we will keep them in school with their belongings, we will use them to hold spare clothing in and store them on their coat hook. Should we need to use the change of clothes during the session we will send them home in a disposable bag and if you could return a new spare set when you are next in.

Once things are returning to some kind of normal, we will send the bags home as we have done previously, and the children can bring them in and out again.

Sickness – if your son or daughter should be unwell they are to stay home and you should call 111 and take advice, should they be showing symptoms of COVID then again advice should be taken and a test if necessary, should you or your family come into contact with anyone with a positive test from COVID then we need to be informed and two weeks isolation started.

With the usual bugs that go around, children with sickness must be kept home for 24 hours from the time of being sick if they have sickness and diarrhoea then you must keep them home for 48 hours until they are clear from any bugs ect

The Gate opening times are the same for our children coming into pre-School 8.50 - 11:50 for morning children and 12.10 and 3.10 for our afternoon children, I will open the gate as soon as our staff meeting is over so if you could wait in our garden area observing social distancing while we let the children in.

Please encourage your children to line up and wait patiently to come into school with you It can be very noisy if the children are allowed to run around whilst waiting and the reception class is just next door, and they are trying to settle into their new routines as well.

I have put in place a doorbell onto the back gate should you need to collect you children early. Please pre-arrange this with us so not to turn up unexpectedly. And please be patient with us as the cold months are coming and putting on coats can take some time.

### Polite Reminders.

- Absences if your child is going to be absent from pre-school please let us know before 8.30am.
- Names – as we begin the new school year please remember the importance of having your child's name in their HATS, UNIFORM, COATS, BAGS it can be quite difficult working out who's is who's and this can be time consuming when you are waiting to collect them.
- School dates – you will soon be receiving the Pre-School calendar please make a note of any dates that we are closed and any changes we will let you know as the happen.

**Thank you for your patience while all this is going on obviously the safety and happiness of the children is paramount to us currently. Natalie & Team X**

## Pre-School Newsletter      September 2020-UPDATE

Thank you for bearing with us with and our new routines that we have put in place. The children have taken to everything and are settling really well , We have been tweaking as we go and made a few changes here and there.

I will be opening the gate at the top of the garden at about 8.30, please come into our garden and wait while we have our staff meeting.

Please make sure your children wait with you and do not start getting out all the toys. These have been cleaned and sorted in to what is being used and what is for another day. Also keep your children with you while walking them in, so no mud is brought into our classroom. If you do wait in our garden areas please observe social distancing while we let the children in.

We will open the classroom door at 8.50 to let the children then I will come up to the gate to wait with babies and pushchairs to make things easier for you to walk in with your pre-school children. Once I have locked the gate should you arrive late please ring the doorbell I have fitted up there, and one of us will be up as quick as we can to let you in.

The children are in their bubbles while with us to reduce the chance of all the children playing with the same toys (Bubble A and Bubble B). These are clearly marked on the doors and windows.

We are still having minimum contact with any visitors from outside the setting into the building. We will continue to take all the children's temperature as they arrive and once you are given the ok they will go off to play and you can then leave them with us.

You would have received our latest snack/ lunch menu, this is going to be on a two week rota and may change slightly. Depending on fruit availability etc. We are going to be continuing with this this way as the children are enjoying the time to eat together and the selection we are giving them.

Attached is the new school year calendar, inset days have NOT been set yet. I will let you know these dates as soon as we know them, we always like to set these with the school.

We have not yet set any dates for Christmas Concert and party, we will discuss this and make a decision nearer the time. If large gatherings (No more than 6) are still not allowed we will arrange our own party within our session times in our bubbles.

Some children have been asking to use the hand Gels we have around the setting. We have been saying no to this thinking of their sensitive skin. Could you please let us know if you have any objections to them using it as we know lots of children are putting it on, on their way into school.

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**This Half Term ends Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we return Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Thank you again for your patience while all this is going on obviously the safety and happiness of all the children is my priority and I will continue to monitor this as we go along and inform you of any changes as they happen.      **Natalie & Team X****