



Greenfield Nursery School

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16th September 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to all of the new families who are joining us at Greenfield, to all of our children returning from the summer break and to all of our families who have had older children with us in the past.

As you will be aware the guidance for schools has changed since last term, with all pupils, in all year groups, returning to school full-time, 5 days a week, from the beginning of the autumn term.

Reasons for this include:

- New cases of COVID-19 have reduced substantially
- There is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults
- Risk of children becoming severely ill with COVID-19 is very low
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin

We will be ensuring that:

- ✓ Children and staff clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school and throughout the session, before and after snack and after using the toilet. *You have your part to play here to teach your child to wash their hands correctly for at least 20 seconds. Look at the school website for the handwashing song.*

Children are supported with respiratory hygiene:

- Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- Avoiding touching their mouths, eyes and nose
- Cough into their **elbow** and dispose of tissues safely
- Wash their hands
- Enhanced regular cleaning will be in place.

Contact between children will be limited, with Pre-School, Nursery and 30 hour provision working as three distinct bubbles.

The symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 are:

- ❖ **A new continuous cough**
- ❖ **A high temperature - 37.8 degrees or more**
- ❖ **A loss of, or change in, smell or taste**

If your child becomes unwell at school, we will isolate them with an adult and contact you directly to collect your child from school.

Please do not send them into school if they are not well.

Get a test follow this link

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Thank you for your patience as we adapt to a new way of working together. **The importance of arriving and collecting at your child's given time is critical to us to get all the children in as safely as possible and reduce adults onsite.**

If you are later than your time you will have to wait outside the gates until 9:00am when a staff member can take your child in.

RECEPTION - Please use the post box outside reception for payments and uniform forms.

If you need to speak to someone in the office, only 1 adult in reception at any time, if it is a question that could be answered over the phone please ring 01992 760779 please

Can I remind you when waiting outside the school gates to wait on the feet markers to ensure other people can pass by safely.

The Government guidance states **"Parents must not gather outside schools"**

This is because the social distance is difficult to maintain.

PLEASE help the school follow the guidance and Risk Assessment.

Please wear a face mask onsite to protect staff.



HELP

CAN YOU HELP US BY DONATING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?

- BAG OF PLAIN FLOUR
- HAND SANITISER
- LIQUID SOAP
- BOX TISSUES

DOES ANYONE HAVE A FISH TANK THEY NO LONGER WANT – THE SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE FISH- BUT WE NEED A TANK



Contact the school

If you have a question about your child or want to let us know something please use your child's class email.

MAKE SURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES INCLUDING SHOES ARE NAMED – WE WILL NAME THEM IF THEY ARE NOT!

Be positive about your child coming to school and they will develop a positive attitude too.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or ‘I can really understand why you would feel like that’



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Parking outside school



**NO
PARKING**

ACROSS DRIVEWAY

Please always park considerately outside school when dropping off or collecting your child. Our neighbours frequently have their drive-ways blocked by a few inconsiderate parents. Please support us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. There is usually available parking in the next road.

Facebook helps us share information quickly to parents, like our page and keep in touch.



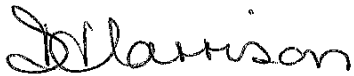
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Yours Sincerely



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