



Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Families,

Happy new year and I hope you have all had a reasonable break over the Christmas season. We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

I think it would be fair to share with you that there is some anxiety among the staff so we have been spending time over the past few days reviewing and amending our risk assessment. Ensuring that we can do everything to enable Grandpont to be a safe and happy place.

We are fortunate to have a robust risk assessment already in place that is based around our bubbles of staff and children working discreetly. Contact among and between staff and children is minimised in a way that also allows us to offer a nursery experience to the children that enables them to have as much normality as possible.

The changes we have made to our risk assessment are mainly around tightening up on our cleaning and hand washing procedures and also in our use of face coverings. We will also be ensuring that there is lots of ventilation in the building so please ensure your children have warm clothes to wear inside as well as appropriate outdoor clothing.

As the infection rate of the new strain of the virus is now significantly greater than it was we will now require all parents and carers (adults only) to wear a face covering at pick up and drop off times and staff will also be wearing them in the communal areas in the nursery and when colleagues from different bubbles need to talk to each other. Please support our request in this by wearing a face covering as you enter the nursery gates. If this is a genuine issue for you then please communicate with your child's Key Person and we will probably be able to come and collect your child from the gate.

There will **not** be an expectation for staff to wear a face covering when they are in their bubble classroom with your children unless they have personal reasons to do so.

I have no doubt that you will support us wholeheartedly with this change.

I appreciate that this is an unsettling time for everyone and know that each of your families will be finding their own ways to get through this strange time. With that in mind, if you are anxious

about sending your child to nursery next week then please have a discussion with myself or your child's Key Person and we may be able to reassure you further.

My email address is head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk Please feel free to ask any questions. If the situation changes on a national level then I will be in touch again with further information. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you back at Grandpont on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Kind Regards

Lisa and the Grandpont team