



Dear Families

## **Welcome back to Nursery- September 2020**

We are delighted to be seeing you all again very soon at Grandpont.

This letter is a reminder of the plans for next week when we will be welcoming everyone back to nursery after the summer break.

We plan to be back open fully, offering full time sessions and breakfast and wrap around care for those families who need it.

Due to Covid-19, we will still be guided by government advice and our detailed risk assessment. There will be some changes to the way we work compared with our pre Covid-19 provision, but for many of our children there will be little difference for them to notice. More information on this will be shared with families over the next week.

We will be running 4 groups (bubbles) within the nursery:

1. **Blossom Room**
2. **Mulberry Room** (our new 2 year old base)
3. **Willow Room**
4. **Oak Room**

We will be keeping the children in these groups throughout the day. The children will eat and play in these bubbles and will come and go from these rooms. Please see the table below if you are not sure which bubble your child is in.

**INSET-** the whole of the centre is closed until Thursday 3rd September 2020. The 1st and 2nd September are training days for the staff and we will also be preparing the environment ready for when your children return to us.

**Thursday 3rd September-** We will be welcoming children back:

- Blossom Room will be open and children will attend for their booked sessions from this date.
- Mulberry room -Some of your children will come back in on this date. Claire will be in touch if your child is new to this group to arrange settling times.
- Children who were with us in the nursery school last term will return to Willow Room, to be in either Cat or Teresa's key groups.

- Some children who are moving from Blossom Room to Oak Room in the nursery school or are new to Grandpont will be having video calls with their key people in the morning and coming to visit in the afternoon. You should have already made these arrangements with either Lucy or Cayley.

**Friday 4th September**-We will be welcoming children back:

- Some children who are moving from Blossom Room to Oak Room in the nursery school or are new to Grandpont will be having video calls with their key people in the morning and coming to visit in the afternoon. You should have already made these arrangements with either Lucy or Cayley
- Some children who visited on Thursday will start today.

**Monday 7th September**

- Some children who are new to Grandpont will be having video calls with their key people in the morning and coming to visit in the afternoon. You should have already made these arrangements with either Lucy or Cayley
- Some children who visited on Friday will start today.

Please refer to this table to be clear which bubble your child/children will be based in:

	<b>Blossom Room</b>	<b>Mulberry Room (our new 2 year old base)</b>	<b>Willow Room</b>	<b>Oak Room</b>
<b>Children in this bubble</b>	Childcare provision for our under 3's	Our funded two's and other 2 year olds attending in the mornings	All existing children over 3 years who joined the nursery at either jan 2020 or April 2020	All children over 3 years joining the nursery this sept 2020
<b>Staff</b>	Karen (new childcare manager) Sarah Phil Lulu Leanne (on Mat. leave)	Claire Mia	Cat Teresa Anne L Jade Annabel	Lucy Cayley Kim Ryna
<b>Times</b>	Sessions offered between 8am and 6pm mon-Friday	9AM- 12Noon mon-Friday	9AM-3.30PM Unless you have wrap around bookings.	9AM-3.30PM Unless you have wrap around bookings.

If you are still unclear as to which bubble your child will be in or which day they will be starting then please call or email the office from **Tuesday 1st September** and we will be able to help.

**Where do I drop my children off?**

**Blossom Room-** Please continue to use the side gate for the time being and drop your children off in the garden.

**Mulberry Room-** Please use the Mulberry Room entrance. Please do not enter the building but drop your children off with Claire and Mia at the door.

**Willow Room-** Please come to the main entrance and we will take the children from you at the door. Please do not enter the building but drop your children off with the Willow Room team (if there are any changes to this plan we will let you know asap).

**Oak Room-** Please use the side gate to the nursery garden, accessed through the Family Room garden. Don't worry, if you don't know where I mean, we will be there to direct you when you arrive.

**Breakfast and After school clubs-** We will continue with existing bookings for breakfast and afterschool club again. If you want to change this booking please let the office know. Please drop off and collect from breakfast and afterschool clubs from Mulberry Room as usual but please drop and collect children from the door, not entering the building. We will not be having children join us from St Ebbes for breakfast and afterschool clubs for the time being. St Ebbes have arranged their wrap around provision to accommodate these children.

**Some other information for you to be aware of in the meantime;**

- All children who stay for lunch will need to bring a packed lunch
- Please provide a piece of fruit (ready prepared) for your child to have as a snack.
- You will need to ensure your child has suncream on before you arrive at Nursery. (we are hoping we may still have some sunny days this year!)
- We will be expecting families to social distance from each other as you come into the nursery. Please use the yellow spots as a guide.
- No parents will be allowed in the building. Drop off and collections will happen in the gardens.
- Please bring NAMED waterproofs and wellies. In terms of preventing the spread of the covid-19 infection, being outside reduces the risk hugely and we will be taking the opportunity to be outside in our fantastic outdoor spaces as much as possible.
- Children will only need to bring a packed lunch, fruit for snack, change of clothes and appropriate clothes for the weather. No toys from home please.

I am sure you will have further questions about our plans. Please be patient with us and we will get this to you as soon as possible. We are listening to and following government guidance and we will be providing a safe and happy place for your children to play and learn.

All the best and see you very soon.  
Lisa and the Grandpont team.