



Thursday 4th June 2020

Welcome back!

We're very excited to see you all back in Grandpont next week.

Hopefully you have all been able to watch our video showing you what things will look like when you come in, and how dropping off and picking up will work. You can find it here-

https://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website/returning_to_nursery_after_the_covid-19_lock_down/486844

In case you haven't been able to watch the video and for more information please read this letter.

Bubbles

In order to be able to provide the safest opportunities for your children we will be following the bubble approach. This means that we will be keeping resources to a minimum and ensuring we are only working in small groups to minimise the risk of transmission. We will also be adopting a stringent cleaning routine between bubbles.

Our greatest risk will be transmission from **adults to adults** and we are relying on parents to strictly follow our social distancing procedures at all times. Coming into nursery will be obvious and straightforward. When you are in the garden dropping off we are relying on you to keep away from each other and the staff (2m apart).

We have separated the play spaces so each bubble can play safely and this includes the outside area. We will be encouraging the children not to go right up to the fences outside to talk to friends over the fence but we will look for safe ways that children can interact with their peers such as talk spots.

Dropping off

- We are asking that only one grown-up comes to nursery to drop off their child or children. Of course we will accept siblings may join you. You will need to ensure other children stay close to you at all times. They are welcome to wait in the family room garden if they are old enough to do so.
- When you arrive at Grandpont, come through the large car park gates and follow the yellow spots, through the family room garden to the nursery garden gate.
- The gate will be open from 9:00 am until 9.15 for Anne's (Tiger bubble, Mon/Tues) and Cayley and Jennifer's (Albatross bubble, Thurs/Fri) so please arrive during this 15 minute slot if your child is in their group.

- The gate will be open from 9.15-9.30 for Lucy (Butterfly bubble Mon/Tues) and Cat and Jane's (Owl bubble Thurs/Fri)
- Once in your child's bubble garden then say your good-byes and head out of the gate.
- Please leave the grounds via the side gate to the family room and walk back down the lane. (All will be obvious on the day!)
- If you arrive after your bubbles allocated time slot you will need to wait outside the nursery grounds then bring your child to the office and we will let your child in. You will not be able to come into the building.

If it is raining when you come to drop off, please come prepared with waterproofs and a big umbrella so you can still have a nice goodbye in the garden!

Collecting children

- If you are collecting children at 12.00 midday please come to the main reception and we will bring your child out to you.
- Collection times;
 - Between **3.00-3.15**; Tiger and Albatross bubbles
 - **3.15-3.30**; Butterfly and Owl bubbles
- Parents should wait, ensuring 2m social distancing spread out over the Family Room garden and we will send the children out of the nursery garden gate to you.
- If you are late for your time slot then please wait outside the nursery grounds and collect after 3.30pm.

During the day

- We will be playing outside in the garden as much as possible: we will have water play, the sandpit, cars, balls, bikes, mud kitchen and lots more.
- We also have lots of resources inside and lots of space for everyone to spread out.
- Children will have a group time at the start of the day and story times throughout the day.
- The children will use the toilets in their own bubble space.
- Tissues will be available and children will be encouraged to use the bins.
- Hand washing and hand sanitiser will be encouraged regularly throughout the day and we will be promoting independence with this.
- Children will have access to water at all times but will need to ask for a drink. Drink stops will be encouraged regularly.
- Fruit for morning snack will need to be brought in from home (ready prepared to eat) with milk or water (provided by nursery).

Lunch (everyone will bring a packed lunch)

- Please provide a healthy lunch
- **No nuts** please
- Please ensure your children can be independent with accessing their food themselves- can they open their own packets?
- **NO** drinks to be included. We will give the children milk and water at lunchtime.
- When sending in yoghurts please also provide a spoon and other required utensils.

Sunscreen

- We have decided that the risk when applying sunscreen is too high due to the amount of skin to skin contact required. You must apply sunscreen before arriving at nursery and we recommend you use one that lasts all day.

Clothing- Please dress children appropriately for the weather.

- Loose clothing that covers the body on hot days.
- Please also provide waterproof clothing, consisting of wellies, waterproof trousers and waterproof coats. (if you have difficulty in providing this yourself then please liaise with your child's key person.)
- We are keen to avoid swapping and sharing clothing.
- Please name all items of removable clothing.

If your child is ill

- Please do not bring your child in if they are unwell in any way. If a child comes in who is unwell, we will ask the grown-up to take them back home straight away.
- If your child becomes ill during their time with us you will be contacted immediately and required to come and collect your child straight away. We will then advise you what is required if we believe your child is showing signs of Covid-19.
- If we have children and families that are tested positively with Covid-19 there is a high chance that the bubble your child is in will have to close for either 7 or 14 days.

Home Learning

Your child's key person will continue to post onto the google classrooms to keep in contact with families who are not yet attending nursery, and for the days when your child will not be in. Please do continue to engage with us in this way. As you are not able to enter the building we will endeavour to post pictures of what the children are doing during the day.

I appreciate that this is a rather long and informative letter. If you have any questions and concerns please just ask.

Have a great weekend and see you next week

Lisa and the Grandpont Team