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Renfrew Street Nursery School



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – Important Information for parents and carers about nursery reopening

I know from the many parents I have spoken with that you are all keen to see children back in nursery as long as it is safe, after the long closure due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. This letter details our reopening plans including the safety guidelines that we will follow and what we need from parents/carers. The latest guidance from the Scottish Government was published on 15th June and this guides the content of this letter. We are awaiting further updates in Government guidance so please be aware that this information may change over time, and will hopefully quickly allow us to offer more places and return to a more normal nursery service.

We can only offer very limited places at present, and our nursery hours are also temporarily reduced. The priority at the start (from 23rd July until the start of term on 12th August) is to offer places to working parents, children who usually attend for 52 weeks, children going to school after summer needing additional transition time and families who have told me that they need additional support at this time. At this stage I have not been able to offer places to every child, for this first 2 ½ weeks.

You will find details of groups and dates at the end of this letter. I will inform you individually which group your child is in. These are the arrangements just for the first 2 ½ weeks. Please note that the first day (23rd July for group 3 and 4, 27th July for group 1 and 2) will be shorter day to help children settle back in to nursery. Please collect at 11.30-12.00 or 12.00-12.30 (depending on which group your child is in) on this first day.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please get in touch. I will be in nursery all day on 21st and 22nd July so either phone or email me at the address below. Success and safety depends on working closely with parents both now and in the future. The whole team very much look forward to welcoming your child back!

Yours Sincerely

Steve Rivers - Head of Nursery

Safety precautions for nursery

To reduce the risk of anyone in nursery being exposed to COVID-19:

- No child or adult with any symptoms should come in to nursery.

“The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal” NHS Scotland*

- Hand-washing will be regularly observed by adults and children at nursery throughout the day
- Children will remain with small groups of up to 8 children at nursery. They will have the same adults supporting them each day and they won't mix with other groups of 8 children. This means that each group will have use of upstairs or downstairs but not both. They will also use their own outdoors area. Children may pass near to the other group in nursery, but only briefly and they won't be able to play with other groups
- Nursery staff will observe 2 metres physical distancing to each other and to parents, and parents and carers will also observe this distancing when waiting outside of nursery
- We will reduce the numbers of adults within nursery which means that we will collect children from parents in the front garden. We will make some individual exceptions when needed, including for parents who need to support children to settle in
- We will ask parents to come at specific times to drop off and collect children, to avoid too much crowding. Please only one parent per family to drop off or collect
- We will carry out additional cleaning of resources, removing those which can't be cleaned effectively, and carry out a thorough clean between different groups of 8 children
- We will increase the amount of outdoors play for children, because outdoors is the safest environment in relation to COVID-19
- Please note there is no requirement in Government guidance for staff to wear masks, face coverings or gloves and aprons on a constant basis in nursery

Please be aware that this advice may change depending on the latest Government guidance

What we need parents and carers to do

1. Do not come to nursery or bring your child if anyone in your household has the symptoms (listed above), for 7 days, or until you have been tested
2. If you or your child or someone in your household develops symptoms, please tell us. You should have a test
3. Please drop your child and collect them at the specific time slot. You will drop and collect them from the front garden, where we will have a covered gazebo area
4. Please try to keep 2m distance with all others when dropping and collecting your child
5. If you or anyone in your household is shielding or at risk due to COVID-19, please discuss this with nursery management so that we can ensure that it is OK for your child to attend nursery
6. Please ensure that on the first day back you confirm your contact details and emergency contact numbers are up to date

Most importantly, try not to worry too much. We are going to do everything we are guided to do to ensure that nursery is a safe environment and will continue to provide a fun, exciting, nurturing and stimulating care and learning environment.

Our planned reopening arrangements

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Based downstairs	Based upstairs	Based downstairs	Based upstairs
With Amy, Cherry, Aqsa	With Fiona, Afsaneh, Nicole	With Amy, Cherry, Aqsa	With Fiona, Afsaneh, Nicole
Mon, Tue (+every 2nd Wed am)	Mon, Tue (+every 2nd Wed am)	Thu, Fri (+every 2nd Wed pm)	Thu, Fri (+every 2nd Wed pm)
full day 8.30-3.00, half day 8.30-11.30	full day 9.00-3.30, half day 9.00-12.00	full day 8.30-3.00, half day 12.30-3.30	full day 9.00-3.30, half day 1.00-4.00
Please drop and collect 8.30-9.00 and 2.30-3.00/11.00-11.30	Please drop and collect 9.00-9.30 and 3.00-3.30/11.30-12.00	Please drop and collect 8.30-9.00 and 3.00-3.30/11.00-11.30	Please drop and collect 9.00-9.30 and 3.30-4.00/11.30-12.00
(27/28 Jul + 29 Jul am), (3/4 Aug)	(27/28 Jul + 29 Jul am), (3/4 Aug)	(23/24 July), (30/31 July), (5 Aug pm + 6/7 Aug)	(23/24 July), (30/31 July), (5 Aug pm + 6/7 Aug)

Please note the first day is shorter: 8.30-11.30 (group 1 and 3), 9.00-12.00 (group 2 and 4). The arrangements may change after the first 2 ½ weeks.

Please ensure you confirm your intention to bring your child back by phoning or emailing