Bradpole Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the beginning of the new school year, I wanted to advise you of the changes we have put in place for the safety of everyone.

From 20th July, Early Years settimgs were no longer required to keep to groups of 16 but can go back to their normal numbers. We have however decided to stagger our intake this year as so many children will need to re-settle into the Pre-school environment, as well as new children starting. This will keep numbers lower than normal through the winter until next spring.

Parents/carers are encouraged to limit the number of settings that their child attends, ideally ensuring their child only attends one setting consistently, this is the same for staff. However, to be as flexible as possible for working parents, we are willing for some children to use joint provision, please contact me to discuss if your child normaly attends joint providers. Also, please check with your child’s other provider that they are also happy with this. We expect parents to tell us immediately if there is a suspected case of Covid-19 at the other setting and isolate their child for ten days or take a test before sending them back to Pre-school. Early identification and quickly managing outbreaks of Covid-19 in schools and Early Years settings is an essential part of a local response to the Covid-19 outbreak.

We have thoroughly reviewed our Health and Safety risk assessments and will continue to monitor them. We have drawn up the following guidance for protective measures:

1. Anyone who is unwell or who has someone in their household who is unwell or displays symptoms should not attend Pre-school for ten days or until after they receive a negative test result.
2. Everyone to use the hand sanitiser provided on entry to the Pre-school and to throughly wash their hands more often throughout the day.
3. We will ensure good respiritory hygiene by promoting the ‘Catch It, Bin It, Kill It’ approach.
4. We have introduced enhanced cleaning procedures, including frequently touched surfaces and equipment.
5. Minimise contact with outside groups/people and maintain social distancing guidance wherever possible.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE when changing nappies or if a child/adult becomes unwell at the setting.
7. Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace programme.
8. Manage confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst the Pre-school/school community.
9. If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19, follow health protection team advice and inform Ofsted.

We will be prioritising children’s mental health and wellbeing to support their transition back into the setting after a long period of absense, while they re-adjust to the rules and routines of the setting. We will be providing lots of singing, dancing, stories and small group circle times to help children to socialise and resettle into the familiar everyday routines. We have decieded to invite Declan from Funkee Monkees back in on a Thursday morning for the older children. He will only attend our setting on that day and we will use our own instruments.

We will use lots of age appropriate ways to teach children how to keep themselves safe to include handwashing and respiritory hygiene. We will do this through songs, games and repetition.

We have staggered drop off and pick up times for some children to reduce the number of adults at any one time. If you have not received an email giving you different times then your child will be normal drop off and pick up times.

Wherever possible, we are encouraging parents/carers to settle children in the garden area. Staff will support this and encourage children to be independent by hanging up their own coats, bags and lunch boxes. You are also welcome to leave these on the outside green table. If your child needs you to stay a little longer or settle them inside, please use the hand sanitiser provided on the wall by the door.

If you have other children in the car, please phone the Pre-school and a member of staff will bring your child to the carpark for you, or collect them from you.

Please could you fill in the questionnaire below and either email it back or bring it with you when your child returns. Keypersons will use the information to support your child over the next few weeks. If you have something you would like to discuss with your child’s keyperson or myself please request a phone call.

The following links have been issued by the government regarding their intended plans for the

reopening of schools, should you wish to read them.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

ACTIONS FOR EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE DURING……

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

We thank you for your continued support of our setting during this difficult time.

Kind regards

Kathryn Cosser

**Pre-school Leader**

**Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Pre-school.**

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| Child’s name and date of birth: |  |
| Is anyone in your immediate household or family vulnerable. |  |
| What has lockdown meant for your child -positives and negatives, i.e. isolation, quality time with family. |  |
| Any traumatic family events? Births, deaths or loss of grandparent interaction. |  |
| Has your child gained or lost confidence? Any other concerns? |  |
| Would you like your child’s keyperson to call before the start of term to discuss anything |  |
| Will your child be attending another setting? |  |
| We are currently undertaking a review of our risk assessments and looking at cleaning and hygiene procedures. Please let us know if there are any arrangements we can put in place to support you and your child returning to Pre-school. |  |