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COVID 19 UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO YOU

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a restful weekend. As you will be aware Leeds is now subject to further restrictions due to the local lockdown measures.

New Dfe Guidance - operational changes

Alongside these new restrictions preschool has been given new Covid 19 guidance from the Dfe which outlines how we operate safely during the pandemic.

Ahead of the new week I wanted to inform you of the operational changes to the preschool.

Masks / PPE

We have now been advised to wear masks more of the time. You will notice staff wearing these. We have ordered some clear masks to ensure good interactions between staff and children remain in place.

Cleaning

Further cleaning and disinfecting of the provision. Please see the system of controls attached.

Staying open

We aim to remain open continuously however staffing issues and confirmed cases of Covid 19 could impacting ability to do this .

After school Club / breakfast club

Further cleaning and staff shortages due to self isolation mean that we have had to take the difficult decision to cancel after school and breakfast clubs from 5th October.

We will therefore only be operating between 9-3pm for the foreseeable

We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause.

We are looking for local childminders who may offer after school provision to bridge the childcare gap.

The local authority can also help families meet their childcare needs.

<https://parentportal.leeds.gov.uk/Synergy/ChildCare/>

Illness

As transmission rates of the virus continue to rise across Leeds it is important we all play our part in protecting one another.

Please therefore you do not send children to preschool who are unwell.

Please see the following for further information

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-child-is-sick.html>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Risk assessments

I will continue to review and revise the preschool risk assessments to keep the children and staff as safe as possible throughout the pandemic.

Updated documents will be uploaded to the website weekly.

<http://headingleypreschool.co.uk/covid-19-information/>

Home workers / key workers

If you haven't returned your key worker declaration yet please do at your earliest convenience.

We will also need to know if you are currently working from home as we prepare for further restrictions to our preschool operations as we may have to prioritise places should stricter measures be enforced . I will send out a form for you to complete tomorrow

COVID 19 Parent / carer agreement

I will also be sending out a Covid 19 parent agreement tomorrow.

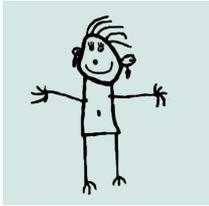
Thank you

We thank you for your continued support as we navigate our way through this period of uncertainty.

We fully support your decisions with regards to your children attending at this time. Should you decide to keep your child at home please do let us know.

Stay safe

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System of controls

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This is the set of actions early years settings must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection'.

Prevention

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend settings.
- 2) Use of face coverings.
- 3) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- 6) Minimise contact between groups where possible.
- 7) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Numbers 1 to 5 must be in place in all settings, all the time.

Number 6 must be properly considered, and settings must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Numbers 7 applies in all specific circumstances.

Response to any infection

- 8) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 9) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the setting community.
- 10) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.
- 11) Notify Ofsted.

Numbers 8 to 11 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.