



Blagdon Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government have now said that it is safe to open all schools in England to all children from September 2020. They have issued clear guidance about how we can do this as safely as possible. We have produced a full risk assessment which has been shared with and adhered to by all staff.

We understand that this could be a very anxious time; particularly for those children and families who have not been at nursery since March and also for those families who are new to us this term. We have worked really hard over the summer and will do these first few days of this term to make sure that nursery is as safe as possible for everyone.

Below are some key answers to key questions that you may have at this time and also a summary of some of the measures that have been implemented.

Are all children able to come back to nursery?

Yes, all children are able to return to or start nursery from September.

Does my child need to wear anything to protect them from COVID-19?

Face masks are not recommended for children under the age of 11; therefore we will not be permitting children to wear face masks in nursery.

Staff will be using PPE (masks, visors, aprons and/or gloves) to carry out some intimate care (e.g. applying sun cream, changing nappies, etc.) and if a child develops COVID-19 symptoms.

Please read the following information carefully so you know exactly what will be happening when your child comes into nursery...

Bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government Guidance for Early Years settings states that we do not need to arrange children into bubbles, we will however be minimising contact between groups of children. • Children will be based in their allocated classroom and will have access to their allocated outside area. • There will be a rota for using the large outside area and equipment will be cleaned between groups. • The part time 3-4 year old children (Pear Tree and Cherry Tree) will form one group when they are using the large outside area to ensure adequate ratios of staff.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff who were shielding/have underlying medical conditions or are in other vulnerable categories will have an individual risk assessment • Staff can move between classrooms, but are required to maintain a 2meters distance from other staff

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Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be allocated a class room depending on the session that they attend; each classroom has an allocated outside space that is available at all times. • We have reduced the resources available in the classrooms and removed anything that is difficult to clean, e.g. cushions, soft toys, dolls, toys with intricate parts, etc. We have also removed anything that could encourage children to put it in their mouths, e.g. role play food, etc. • Each classroom has toilets and these will be cleaned frequently. • We will clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. • For part time classrooms we will have a two week rota for resources so that they do not share anything throughout the day. The classroom will be cleaned between sessions. • Classrooms and all toys will be cleaned at the end of each day. • Children can bring in a bag and a water bottle that will remain in nursery for the whole term. We will let you know when their bag needs restocking with spare clothes, etc. • We will not be using any aprons so please make sure children do not wear their best clothes.
Outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children will have access to an allocated outside space throughout the day. • There will be a rota system for using the large outdoor area. • The amount of toys outside will be reduced to allow for cleaning and the large structures will be cleaned between groups of children and at the end of each day.
Drop off and pick up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASE only use the entrance that has been allocated to you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ APPLE TREE - Torrington Road gate and then drop your children at the main door into the link area ➢ WILLOWS - Torrington Road gate and then drop your child at the gate in the Willows garden ➢ CHERRY - Blagdon Road gate and then drop your child at the right hand side of the corral (staff will be there to greet you) ➢ PEAR - Blagdon Road gate and then drop you child off at the gate into the corral area • Please make sure that you are on time for your session. • NO adults will be allowed in the building • There will be a member of staff at each entrance to greet your child and take them inside. • Please line up at the allocated drop off point allowing a 2 meter distance between yourself and other families. • No gathering/waiting at drop off or pick up times. Do not arrive earlier than your session time.
Lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child does all day in Apple Tree (30 hours) they will need to bring in a healthy packed lunch. Please make sure that if there is anything that requires cutlery that you bring your own in. • Please give your child's lunch box a clean when it comes home. • Lunchtimes will happen in the classroom and there will be lunchtime staff to support them. They will ensure that the area is cleaned thoroughly.
Track and Trace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is really important that you engage with the Government's Track and Trace scheme to help avoid any breakouts of COVID-19 in nursery or the local area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must inform nursery if your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 and you must NOT bring them into nursery. • If any child or member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the day they will be escorted to our prepared COVID-19 room. Staff will wear full PPE whilst they supervise the person until they go home. You will then be advised to have a test and inform us of the result. • Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date so you can be contacted in an emergency.
Breakfast Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am and will be located in Apple Tree classroom. • You will need to pre-book Breakfast Club. • The drop off point is via Torrington Road and then drop off at the door leading into the link area by Apple Tree.
Other important information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors to nursery will be limited. If you have any questions or queries please ring the office or email admin. • Meetings will be arranged virtually if possible. • We will ensure that children wash their hands as much as possible throughout the day; we will support those children who are new or may have difficulty in doing this independently. Children will have to wash their hands when they arrive at nursery, after using the toilet, before eating and before they leave to go home. • Children will no longer ‘free-flow’ around the nursery; they will have time outside but it will be with less children. We will no longer be asking children to do jobs such as taking the register to the office. • We will continue to implement our Safeguarding and Behaviour Policies.

I hope that this guidance is helpful and covers the concerns that you may have. If you have any questions or queries please either phone the office or email myself on hos@blagdonnursery.reading.sch.uk

Kind Regards

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