



Nursery Update – September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems strange writing a newsletter after all this time! Well here goes 😊

A huge welcome back to you all, some have been back with us for a few months now, a few remained with us through out for key worker care, and then we have been welcoming new starts this past week, with more newbies starting with us in coming weeks 😊

A huge welcome if you have recently joined us, we try our best to do a Nursery update each month just to keep you in the loop – this one will be rather based around our current situation and practices, but it's still nice to feel up to date and included with everything that's going on.

As per our last update to our COVID19 procedures. Currently the government guidelines for social distancing drop offs and the effective cleaning/sterilising remains in place. We currently have three bubbles within nursery – these are defined by their age group rooms – so baby room, toddlers and preschool.

Drop Offs

We must keep a staggered system in place to ensure that we are able to effectively social distance at drop off time. The times will continue as follows:

Babies & Toddlers (All bubbles) 8am -8.30am

Pre-School (All bubbles) 8.30am -9am

Please be aware if preschool arrive early, we will request you wait out of the queue until 8.30am when we have all our babies and toddler in. Again, this will ensure that we are keeping our age group bubbles separated at this time.

Please can we remind our pre-school group to arrive at 8.30am unless previously arranged, it has been a little difficult in the mornings as some pre-schoolers have been arriving a little before time.

We will continue to welcome your children at the door as to limit the amount of traffic coming into nursery.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF THE DOOR IS NOT OPEN, YOU WILL NEED TO RING THE BUZZER
OTHER WISE WE WON'T KNOW YOUR THERE 😊

Confirming meals and menus

As you are aware our menus can be found on the board outside nursery, please see the appropriate date on each menu for the appropriate weekly menu.

Currently our meals throughout the day are:

AM snack

Babies & Toddlers - 9.15/9.30am

Pre School 8.30 – 9.00am

Lunch 11.45

PM snack 2.30pm

Tea 3.30/4pm

Collections

Current guidance remains in place on how we must effectively clean, we continue to be confident in our practices and clean down routine since extending our pickup time to 5.30pm/ 5.45pm for those who really require this for work commitments. Of course we want to get back to offering 6pm as soon as possible; however we have to ensure that we are able to continue with the cleaning practices in place at the high level we have been to ensure nursery remains as safe and clean as possible between each day.

We know that you will appreciate this, but at the same time we thank you for your continued support. We have thought long and hard about whether to extend the time or not, but now we have all families returning, as well as our term time families we feel we would be compromising the cleaning routines if we extended this at this point.

We ask that you continue to help us wherever possible, if you are able to collect before this time, it will be much appreciated.

We do ask that you ensure your child is collected by 5.30pm (5.45pm if necessary) – as its extremely important to all our staff that they are able to effectively undertake our cleaning practices at this time.

We will continue to bring your child to you at the door, again limiting the amount of traffic coming into nursery.

Driveway

The driveway will remain closed to effectively ensure safe social distancing. As we relaxed the morning drop off times and extend the collection times it is even more important that families have a safe place to drop off and collect their children.

Holidays

We are aware that some families will be taking holidays outside the UK, please understand

we will ask where you are going, this is just for our records to ensure that any guidelines surrounding quarantine periods on your return are followed for everyone's safety.

Reminders if your child is unwell

We are asking that you continue to be extra vigilant with regards to your child's health. If your child or anyone in your household does develop any of the symptoms currently displayed on the .gov website with regards to COVID19, we will ask that you ensure you do not come to nursery. If you need to discuss anything with us, please call us where we can offer advice surrounding attendance at nursery and possible testing.

Normal exclusion periods apply for all other illnesses.

EYFS – Paperwork

If your child has been with us and settled back in, you will have received or will receive an updated next step for them in coming weeks. We will be reinstating all paperwork in relation to the EYFS and your children learning and development form next week, so will be observing and working towards new challenges for your individual child. We will continue to undertake arts/crafts and re-introduce sensory activities; these are sometimes limited however we will be planning and providing individual sensory experiences so children can still explore but in a safe way.

Visitors to the setting i.e. potential parents & health care professionals

Wherever possible visits will take place outside hours when children will be with us i.e. after 5.30pm or 6pm. This does pose limitations on us and it is very difficult, if needed we will book a visit during the day – this will be limited to one visit per day, and one adult per visit who must make a mask, if they are bringing a child with them they will not be able to mix and get down to explore. If the visit is to view a room, this will be done without entering the room with the children, so accessing corridor areas only and viewing the room required only – not any other part of the nursery.

Professional visits – sometimes we may need to have another health professional come into observe a child or to work with us. In these circumstances we will ensure that wherever possible this is conducted in an outdoor area and they will be asked to wear a mask to go through the setting. We will also ask that professional to ensure that we are their only visit during any 24-hour period. We will ensure that they do not bring any shared resources into the setting and wherever possible will socially distance.

Kindest Regards,

The Puddleducks Team