

**Kirkley Nursery & Early Years Centre of Excellence,  
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Dear parents and carers,

Now the vaccination programme is well underway and we are seeing the number of Covid19 positive cases, hospital admissions and deaths decreasing, we are pleased to announce we will be opening to all children the week beginning **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. This is the week following the half term break for schools.

All children will be expected to return for their usual booked sessions. If you would prefer to keep your child at home until the number of infections drop further, please contact the Nursery Office. From 22<sup>nd</sup> February all sessions will be chargeable, regardless of whether your child attends or not, as per our usual policy.

If your family has been told to shield by NHS Test and Trace, tested positive or you are self-isolating awaiting a test result please notify the Nursery Office.

In this circumstance we are following the government guidance:

*'From 28 September people in England are required by law to self-isolate if they test positive for coronavirus or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Accordingly, if a child is self-isolating having been contacted by NHS Test and Trace, the provider should not charge the parent or carer for this period.'*

It's important to remember although the numbers of positive cases are dropping, we will still be closely following our Covid19 Risk Assessment and maintaining our increased cleaning routine.

Here is a reminder of the changes we put in place at the beginning of January:

- If your child is having a packed lunch, please bring it in a disposable bag so that we have less belongings travelling backwards and forwards from nursery to home.
- Nursery staff have decided to wear face coverings and/or visors when working at nursery. Please prepare your child for this change.
- The gate will be open from 12.45pm until 1pm for the morning session families to leave. Please be considerate and arrive during this window.
- The gate will be open 1pm until 1.15pm to stagger families arriving and leaving, and therefore passing at the side of the Children's Centre. If your session starts at 1pm, do not arrive before 1pm.
- The gate will be open from 4.15pm until 5.30pm, to ensure we have sufficient time to give feedback to the 4.30pm finishers.
- If you need to enter the nursery building to settle your child or for an induction session, you will need to wear a face covering.
- Contactless temperature checks may happen indoors on particularly cold days, this is to ensure the thermometer is giving an accurate reading.

Please support the health of our nursery community by following these guidelines:

- Only one parent dropping off and collecting your child from nursery.
- Remain socially distant from other parents on the nursery site, including in the car park.
- Maintain social distance during hand over (feedback) at the end of sessions.



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- Leaving the nursery garden promptly after hand over has finished.

We look forward to seeing all our families returning after the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Hot Lunches**

Due to the increase number of children returning to Nursery after the half term break we will be offering the provision of hot lunches again.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please can we remind you that within the Trust we encourage healthy eating, so if your child does bring in a packed lunch, every effort should be made to comply with existing government nutritional guidelines (Eat well guide) <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

### **Terms & Conditions**

All families should have received a copy of the Nurseries T&C's either in person or via the post. Please can we ask for these to be signed and returned by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February if have not done as yet.

### **Clothing**

At Nursery the children are out in all weathers, please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for the season.

As we all know children are renowned for taking their jumpers/cardigans off and leaving them where they are playing. To help the Nursery relocate the owner of the garments, could we please ask that these such items are named.

We are also in desperate need of any spare trousers (girls & boys) and underwear, so if you are sorting through your child's wardrobes at any time and you have items of clothing that could come in useful at the Nursery we would appreciate them.

### **And finally .....**

If you or any of your family members, neighbours have a newspaper could we ask for these to be saved as the Nursery supply is running very low.

Thank you for your continued support.



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