

Protocol for Provision in The Early Years Foundation Stage

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Government guidance

From 20th July, early years settings will no longer be required to keep children in small, consistent groups within settings.

In line with this guidance, children will be able to free-flow and we will *encourage* them to use the full learning areas available so that play is spaced out. We will also be putting various procedures and practices in place as well as making some changes to our learning environments to ensure that the risk of transmission is reduced.

Learning in Reception

- The daily routine for reception children will remain as 'normal' as possible. This will include learning sessions on the carpet as well as small group or 1:1 activities.
- Children will 'freeflow' across the year group and have access to the outdoor learning area at specific times during the day, whilst remaining in their phase group (R/1/2) 'bubble'.

'Bubbles'

Upon returning to school, children will become part of a 'bubble' - this will be years Reception, 1 and 2. Bubbles will remain consistent and children will have minimised contact with children and adults who belong to other bubbles.

Hand washing

Children will be asked to wash their hands using soap and/or hand wash throughout the day, but as a minimum:

- upon arrival at school
- before snack time
- after snack time
- before lunch
- after lunch
- before leaving school
- when moving between indoor and outdoor play

Return to school provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage

What we **will** provide:

- Toys and resources which can be easily cleaned will be organised into 'learning boxes' for children to access during free-flow and, in line with our normal practice, we will provide a variety of play opportunities e.g. construction, small world, maths, books.
- Toys and resources will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day using the cleaning spray provided specifically for this purpose.
- Soft toys, dressing up clothes/props, toys with fabric parts and toys which are intricate e.g. small Lego, will be used and washed weekly.
- Water play will be offered, and the water will be treated with a sterilising solution and water will be changed and treated daily.
- Access to the outdoor learning area will be unlimited within the year group provision. The outdoor area will be maximised when the weather permits.
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated to minimise the risk of transmission.
- Large outdoor equipment which can be easily cleaned e.g. bikes, hoops, wooden blocks, will remain accessible to children during timetabled free-flow and lunchtimes. These toys and resources will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day using the cleaning spray provided specifically for this purpose.
- Children will read in class using the books available to the year group.
- Children will continue to be offered a morning snack and will eat this in class, or outside if the weather allows.
- Children will eat their lunch in the hall with their phase bubble.
- Tables will be sprayed and wiped before and after children eat their lunch.
- Children will have outdoor PE lessons.
- Children will have access to sand.
- Children will be taking reading books home from school.
- Children will be given homework to take home as usual.

Additional guidance

- All children will be required to bring an easily identifiable and named water bottle. *Children will not be allowed into school without this.*
- All children will be required to bring a change of clothes in a named carrier bag, which will be kept on their peg in case of accidents.
- All children will be required to bring their full PE kit in a named bag, which will be kept on their peg.
- If the hot weather continues, parents will need to apply sun cream to their child before they arrive at school.
- Staff will continue to provide appropriate 'hands-on' comfort and support when required, which may be particularly necessary at drop-off time e.g. a hand to hold as they walk into class. Many of our children may require this support now more than ever. If children are not able to leave parents with this support, they will be helped by staff to come in as parents are not permitted past the school gate.
- Packed lunches must be in a clearly named lunch box or container.
- Toys from home will *not* be allowed into school.
- Children will continue to have daily access to their classroom 'wellbeing boxes'. Children will most likely need 're-training' around how to use these boxes. Their responses will be vital in allowing us to provide appropriate and additional support.