

BO PEEP'S DAY NURSERY

June 1st2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are aware from updates from the government, it is planned that nurseries will begin to accept children back from June 1st 2020. We understand that many of you will be anxious about your child returning whilst others will be relieved to know you have childcare if needing to return to work.

Within the nursery we assure you that we will do our utmost to safeguard your children by implementing handwashing and cleaning routines, limiting types of toys available and limiting numbers of children in each area. HOWEVER, as I am sure you appreciate social distancing will be impossible when dealing with such small children. Please be aware and understand that it would be impossible for us to guarantee your child's health and safety from infection and ultimately the decision as to whether your child returns to nursery rests with you.

Policies and procedures for arrivals, departures and routines/safety measures for the daily running of the nursery are enclosed. Please pay particular attention to the plans in place for arrivals etc.

Please be aware that the nursery will not be returning to normal and there are several changes which we need to make to the normal daily routine.

We all understand the seriousness of this situation and therefore reiterate the need for all parents and carers to adhere to previous policies with regard to your child's health, but even more so at this present time please do not send your child in to nursery if they appear to be unwell in any way or have been given Calpol. If your child displays any symptoms which give cause for concern you will be asked to collect them. Please then call 111 to arrange for a test, the results of which will then determine when your child can return to the nursery.

Please bear with us. This is our plan at present, but until we are operational we will not know if we need to make any amendments. All of our plans will be continually reviewed and if there are any safeguarding issues they will be addressed immediately but otherwise reviews will take place every three weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Debby Reeves
(Owner/Manager)

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Coronavirus: Risk assessment, policy and procedures.

Risk assessment

At Bo Peeps we intend to do everything possible to limit and control the spread of the Covid19 virus within the nursery by adhering closely to government guidelines.

COVID-19 guidance: www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Please see our separate more detailed risk assessment.

Procedures

Cleaning:

All nursery floors are to be cleaned with a Milton solution every day or as necessary. If any child/adult within the nursery appears to show symptoms of the virus and is unwell all areas will undergo a thorough cleaning process after they have left.

Facial coverings will need to be worn when dealing with a child displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

Telephones, taps and toilet seats will be sprayed/cleaned at regular intervals.

Door handles and surrounding areas, gate handles and fixtures, light switches and bannisters are to be wiped with antibacterial wipes frequently.

All surfaces within the kitchen area will be disinfected regularly (before and after snack/mealtimes and whenever necessary).

All beds are to be disinfected when the sheets are removed. Sheets are to be changed weekly, but more often if necessary, at the discretion of the staff. Sheets and blankets MUST be named and dated.

All bin tops are to be sprayed regularly.

Potties are to be cleaned and sterilised after use and toilets are to be regularly checked throughout the day. All children are to be accompanied to the bathrooms when using the toilets and/or washing their hands.

Toys will be limited and washed daily.

Outside play equipment will be cleaned/sanitised after each group use.

Personal Hygiene:

All staff are to wash their hands with warm water and soap + sanitiser on arrival and frequently during the day, (before and after meal/snack times, between each nappy change). Hand washing is preferable to sanitiser.

All tissues must go inside the bag in the designated tissue bin and then into the Sengenic bin at the end of the day. "Catch it, bin it, kill it"

Staff will gently work with children on the importance of washing their hands and catching coughs and sneezes BUT will be careful not to make the children over-anxious.

All staff will wear gloves when emptying bins and carrying bags to the main bins and will wash their hands afterwards.

Handovers and collections:

On arrival at the nursery parents will be required to remain in/by their cars if another parent is at the door handing over their child. Only 1 parent should bring their child to their designated entrance door. When that parent returns to their car the next parent may come to the door. At all times the 2 metre rule applies, therefore if you are arriving by foot please stand back and a member of staff will collect your child. Please hand your child to a member of staff and do not enter the building. If you have siblings with you please leave them in the car while you hand over your child. On arrival your child will be taken to wash their hands before entering their "bubble". They will also remove their outdoor shoes and place them in the bag provided by the nursery.

Collections will operate in the same way so please respect social distancing rules and wait for your child to be brought to you. After collection please leave the nursery and car park immediately, do not allow your child to linger /play in the car park.

A reminder that parents and children MUST NOT come to the nursery door if they have a new persistent cough, and/or a high temperature and a loss of taste or smell– but should go home and stay in self-isolation for 14 days. (These regulations apply to staff as well). Please advise the nursery if you have had any of these symptoms and are self-isolating. Children cannot be accepted at the nursery if they have been given Calpol(or paracetamol) at home, as this could be disguising symptoms.

We are aware that some children may find their return to nursery quite daunting and so staff will take and comfort children if they are upset. We will endeavour to make this as quick and smooth as possible but please do not hesitate to ring the nursery if you are worried or concerned.

Illness:

If your child is taken ill at nursery they will be moved to the office block where they can be isolated except for supervision by a member of staff who will be wearing appropriate PPE and you will be telephoned to arrange immediate collection. **Please be aware that at present, if your child needs to be collected, they must be collected by a parent.** (This could change in coming weeks). Please double check that we have details which will contact you immediately. If we have any concerns about any of the children we will contact you immediately following government advice.

If anyone in either of the "bubbles" tests positive for coronavirus, then everyone within that bubble, including staff, children and families will need to self-isolate. The nursery will continue to operate as normal , welcoming all bubble children, until a positive result has been received. If after testing, the results are negative, then the child/staff member may return to the nursery.

Preparing your child for the day:

Please supply your child with a pair of indoor shoes/slippers (cream calico bags will be supplied).

2-5 year old are to be supplied with their own named lunch box (please see separate document on changes to routines), BUT remember only lunch is needed and it must be COLD, wrapped, but not in containers. Baby Unit will be continuing with meal times as before.

Please ensure that your child is wearing freshly laundered clothes each day.

Children will need to have appropriate clothing for frequent outdoor play.

Only supply your child's green bag to hang on their peg.

DO NOT allow your child to bring toys or books into the nursery. If they REALLY need a comfort toy this must be placed in their drawer on arrival – if taken home it needs to be cleaned before it is brought back in to nursery.

All soft toys and furnishings have already been temporarily removed from the nursery.