



Little Nippers Childcare Limited

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well.

As the government is urging people to go back to work and wants nurseries to reopen from June 1st, we are sharing with you the plan we have put in place to provide safe and comprehensive childcare whilst following the published guidelines. Social distancing rules and a phased return to work for our staff who live with vulnerable people mean that we cannot yet re-open at full capacity.

Under the current rules, from June 1st, we will be able to cater daily for:

- 6 babies (0-2 yr)
- 12 toddlers (2-3 yr)
- 16 preschoolers (3 yr and over).

These numbers may vary, if the need for childcare in some rooms is lower, we can redeploy staff accordingly.

Keeping to the 2m distance rule with children under 5 is difficult. We will nonetheless implement a system to minimize contact between the children (and various staff) in a manageable way. We will need your cooperation in this and ask that you:

- **Do not bring your child in if he/she shows any covid-19 symptoms or if a member of the household is affected by the virus.**
- Wherever possible, please hand your child to a member of staff at the door, rather than entering the building.

Each day, children will be allocated a keyworker and they will all have the same coloured sticker on their top. These children and staff member will stay together as a unit all day and the resources they use will only be used by them as far as possible (toilet facilities for example will have to be shared, but they will be appropriately cleaned). We will continue to implement our existing best practice of frequent hand washing and increased cleaning of resources and surfaces.

We appreciate that we used to offer flexible sessions but to accommodate as many children as possible and to implement the new guidelines, we ask that your child attends the same day(s) of the week and either morning/afternoon or all-day sessions. We will review these arrangements as the national situation changes and aim to return to full flexibility as soon as it is safe and practical.

Our opening hours will also be slightly reduced: from 7 am opening until 5 pm closing. We ask that funded children don't use more than their allocated hours – it might even be that we cannot cater for funded children to use all their hours initially, but we will work out a fair system.

In order for us to plan appropriately, could you all please let Leah know your childcare needs as soon as possible by emailing littlenippersnursery@aol.co.uk or calling 01752 348088.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing many of you soon!

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