



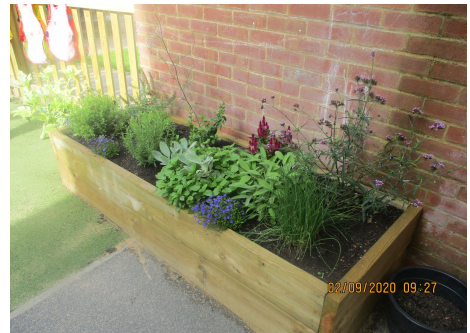
Grandpont
Nursery School & Childcare

Our Reconnection Plan September 2020



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Introduction

Welcome to our reconnection plan. The aim of this document is to inform and reassure the Grandpont community that we will be offering a safe and happy nursery experience to all of the children and families that attend Grandpont Nursery School and Childcare not only during this Covid-19 pandemic but at all times.

We acknowledge that these are extraordinary times but in line with government and local authority advice we will be operating a fully open provision for all.

Please read this document carefully so you are clear about our protocols we have in place and we hope that you respect and comply with requests to support us in following these protocols to ensure a safe environment for us to work and play in.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the office or email me directly at head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk

I look forward to working with you over the coming months and getting to know your children.

Lisa Fern
Headteacher

Current guidance

The Government guidance released on 2nd July 2020 provided us with a context for their decision to request all schools to open to all children from September and issued guidance for schools to adhere to and manage when opening. The guidance issued has been amended and added to since July and can be found in full:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

At Grandpont Nursery School and Childcare we have been working hard on our plans for a full reopening ensuring that we:

- fulfil the expectations required of us
- ensure that the safety of everyone is paramount in all our decisions and actions
- continue to provide a high quality, well balanced curriculum to best support our children in their early education.

Keeping children and staff safe

All schools and nurseries must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing

between those in school, wherever possible, and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

All schools have been provided with a set of actions to 'prevent' and 'respond to infection' which are summarised below:

Prevention:

- minimise contact with individuals who are unwell
- clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- ensure good respiratory hygiene - 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- enhanced cleaning
- minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Response to any infection:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the nursery school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

'bubbles'

We will group group the children into 4 Bubbles according to their learning base and age. These bubbles will be based in:

1. Blossom Room
2. Mulberry Room
3. Willow Room
4. Oak Room

For the majority of their time in nursery the children will be in their own bubble with their key person and support staff but during our wrap around care at breakfast and after school club they will play with a mixture of children from Oak and Willow rooms. This will be with similar children and consistent staffing.

This will *'make it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate, and keep that number as small as possible'*.

Attendance

Children will be welcomed back to Grandpont from Thursday 3rd September 2020 and will access their group with a staggered start over the next week. You will know the start date for your child.

Your child will be expected to attend their sessions, especially in the nursery school on a daily basis.

Shielding children

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August. Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health

advice, please contact us and we will work with you to support your child the best possible way we can.

Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning

Please check for any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste

If any of these symptoms are evident do not send them to school, contact our absence line on 01865 242900

or email office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk

Government advice must be followed, it can be found here

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI_tzD-Mvd6QIVxbTtCh3s_OgYEAAYASAAEgKB4fD_BwE



Travel to and from school

In accordance with our current risk assessment we encourage parents, staff and pupils to walk, use a scooter or cycle to our nursery school if at all possible. Children and families should ensure they are following social distancing guidelines whilst travelling to and from school.

Face coverings are required at all times on public transport (including for children, over the age of 11)

Morning Drop Offs

At drop off time please be guided by the yellow dots, keeping a social distance from the other families.

These procedures will be reviewed regularly and may change as time goes on.

Where possible, please limit the number of adults accompanying a child to school or collecting them at home time to one per child.

Please **DO NOT** arrive before the drop off time to avoid waiting around in the entrances.

Where do I drop my children off?



Blossom Room- Please continue to use the side gate for the time being and drop your children off in the garden.

Mulberry Room- Use the Mulberry Room entrance. Please do not enter the building but drop your children off with Claire and Mia at the door. They will

ensure your child is settled and happy to come into the building before they leave you.



Willow Room-Please come to the family Room garden where you will be able to drop your child in the garden while they play.

This allows you to chat to your child's key person and have a more settled drop off.

Oak Room- Please use the side gate that is down the lane into the the Family Room garden, then go into the nursery garden



Don't worry, if you don't know where I mean, we will be there to direct you when you arrive.

Breakfast and After school clubs- We will continue with existing bookings for breakfast and afterschool club again. If you want to change this booking please let the office know. We require 2 months notice for any changes.

Please drop off and collect from breakfast and afterschool clubs from Mulberry Room as usual but please drop and collect children from the door, not entering the building. We will not be having children join us from St Ebbes for breakfast and afterschool clubs for the time being. St Ebbes have arranged their wrap around provision to accommodate these children.

End of the day/session – Collection

To ensure we are minimising contact and ensuring social distancing at the end of the day parents will not be allowed in the building.

12.00 Noon pick up

Oak children will need to be collected at lunch time from the main entrance.



Willow children will need to be collected at lunch time from the side Kitchen door along the path between the main entrance and the Mulberry Room entrance.

Please spread out and social distance from each other while you are waiting.

3.30pm pick up

Both Willow and Oak will be ready to hand over children between 3.15pm and 3.30pm to ensure that there is not a congestion of parents collecting at once.

Please ensure these children are collected by 3.30pm at the latest.

Oak children will need to be collected from the side gate, where you drop off in the morning.

Willow children will be collected from the Family Room garden, where you drop off in the morning.

Blossom Room children

Please collect from the side gate.

Mulberry Room

Collection time will be between 11.45 and 12.00 to ensure there is not a congestion of parents collecting at once. Please ensure these children are collected by 12.00 noon at the latest.

Please note we will review the collection arrangements regularly in September to ensure they are working effectively and we are happy with the safety precautions in place. Please be aware we will make amendments if we feel it is necessary.

Returning Nursery Children

For all children attending Grandpont last term, your return date is **Thursday 4th September 2020**

Children new to nursery

Nursery children and their parents have been invited for an individual appointment via a video call to meet their Key Person before they start and that same day will be able to come to nursery for a settling visit in the garden. Families will have been contacted individually to arrange this and start dates have been given. If you have any questions about this please get in touch.

Arrangements in nursery

Children will be following a free flow, play based curriculum. Key group sessions will be no longer than 20 minutes and all rooms will be well ventilated. It will not be possible, nor is it required, to enforce social distancing measures with children in the EYFS. This means that children will come into contact with all the children in their bubble and they are likely to come into contact with other children if they attend breakfast and after school club.

Children will wash their hands often and surfaces and equipment regularly sanitised.

Learning resources

Cleaning regimes have been increased.

Bubble based resources, such as books construction and mark making implements etc will be used and shared within the class bubble; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.

Any resources shared between bubbles, will be cleaned frequently and meticulously, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles.

Enhanced cleaning regimes

Since lockdown and opening for key worker children our nursery has had enhanced cleaning systems in place and has also been regularly deep cleaned. We have adjusted our cleaning rotas to ensure that much more cleaning goes on during the day – with particular attention paid to those surfaces that are frequently touched like door handles. School staff not normally involved in these duties like teachers and support staff have also been helpful in keeping their own rooms clean and extra materials have been provided for this purpose. We anticipate these arrangements will stay in place until further notice.

Coats and bags

As children have their own coat pegs in their individual classrooms coats and bags can be left in their normal places. Please keep items brought into school to a minimum. Provision will be made in each bubble as to where packed lunches will be stored.

The importance of fresh air

Windows and doors will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. We will plan many outdoor learning activities and therefore it is essential that the children come suitably dressed for all weather possibilities. In terms of preventing the spread of the covid-19 infection, being outside reduces the risk hugely and we will be taking the opportunity to be outside in our fantastic outdoor spaces as much as possible.

Please provide your children with NAMED waterproofs and wellies.

School office

School offices will remain closed to personal visitors. Parents should do all they can to ensure that children have all that they need for the day (e.g. packed lunches) at the start of the day and if there is an instance where their child needs to be collected or dropped off at a different time, they should telephone the school to make arrangements. Staff will then arrange to meet parents with their child at the main entrance.

All other communication should be done by telephone or e-mail as far as possible.

Communication

Communication with parents is really important to us. Due to the current restrictions we would request that meetings with members of staff are by prior arrangement only so that social distancing and safety precautions can be put in place. If you would like a phone conversation or a face to face meeting please email office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk or telephone the office 01865 242900 to support making these arrangements.

Emails will be sent out via Mail Chimp. If you don't think you are receiving emails then please let us know and we will add you to the list.

Please can you also keep us informed of any changes to your contact details.

Behaviour

We will teach children to be aware of these requirements to keep them safe:

- Keep some distance from each other if possible. We will be teaching them different ways that can care for each other. However, if children do touch each other or hug adults will not be interfering or stopping them.
- Not share any food, drinks, cups or water bottles;

- The children will eat and play in their designated group, and minimise contact with children from other groups but the spaces we have will allow this to happen naturally without question. We will talk to the children if they do request to play with children in another bubble and we will be happy for children to chat to children in other bubbles from a supported safe distance. This will mainly be in the garden.
- Do not cough, sneeze or spit towards another person; catch all coughs and sneezes in a tissue and throw it away (catch it, bin it, kill it), then wash our hands
- Wash hands frequently (including whenever we are asked to), with soap and water for 20 seconds (e.g. by singing happy birthday twice) or with hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available;

Nursery lunches

Packed lunches will be eaten in the bubble room and after lunch the children will have some time to play outside.

We have arrangements in place to ensure that during lunch time separation between 'bubbles' is maintained. Children will always have the chance to wash their hands before eating.



Packed lunches

Please ensure your child has all the cutlery they need and their meal is easy for them to manage on their own. Please remember NO Nuts to be included in your child's packed lunch. We will provide all children with milk and water each day so they are not required to bring a drink to nursery.

Morning Snack- please also provide your child with a piece of fruit for them to eat as their morning snack.

Curriculum and Assessment

As our website states, we work within a very strong tradition of excellent early education and care, based on children learning through play and talk. We put the children's needs at the heart of what we do. We are continually developing and what we offer is in response to changing needs without compromising on our ethos.

We will use our wonderful outside spaces to enhance learning and we will offer children time to reflect and be calm during our relaxation sessions and at other times in the day. We will write learning stories to help us to celebrate learning with the children and their families and we will plan and support children to develop according to their individual needs.

A four-year-old will be a four-year-old only once. Concentrate on meeting his present needs. Don't foist future academics on him. If he's allowed to truly play now—spontaneous play with room for running, leaping, ka-powing, crying, dancing, painting, spilling and creative problem-solving—then he will be ready for academics later. When children gain social and emotional skills and confidence in the preschool years, academic learning naturally follows.

Heather Shumaker

(It's OK Not to Share and Other Renegade Rules for Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids)

Pupils with additional needs.

Children with additional needs will be supported by the nursery school inclusion team to ensure a smooth transition when returning to or starting nursery.

Staff will continue to be responsive to the needs of individual pupils and additional support will be provided where necessary. Small group or 1:1 support may take a different form in the autumn term so that adults and children remain safe, for example, sitting side by side, but children will be supported by the consistent adults within their own bubble with whom they will be very familiar. In some cases, children with additional needs may require a risk assessment to be completed. This will be discussed with families in detail if required.

Children or staff suspected of having COVID-19

In line with DfE guidance in the case of a suspected infection the school will:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
We ask that parents and staff inform the school immediately of the outcome of any test.
 - manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community. The school will text or e-mail parents with a notification of a confirmed infection including which 'bubble' this may affect. We will not share the names or details of people suspected of having or confirmed to have coronavirus.
 - contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice. For the avoidance of doubt the new advice says that we 'must send home those people who have been in **close contact** with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.
- 'Close contact'** now means:
- face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin);
 - proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual;
 - travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person.
- When a case is suspected in school the child will be immediately isolated from other pupils and staff. Staff supervising these children should also try to ensure they remain two metres away while still aiming to provide the reassurance and care particularly young children will need. Enhanced PPE is available for these staff. The school will contact parents and request they collect their child from the school immediately.
 - We ask that parents whose child has been identified as having a suspected case of COVID-19 should seek immediate medical advice.

The guidance says '*Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test.*'

If no test is undertaken then we expect children to self isolate according to the Public Health England guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Households with a confirmed case of Coronavirus should follow the advice laid out by Public Health England here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

regarding isolation and should keep their school informed about their planned date of return following isolation.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to ask.