

Bright Stars Update

18th June 2020

We endeavour to keep you up to date with information about the procedures and measures that we are putting in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19. Firstly, we would like to thank you once again for supporting us in the transition back to nursery life, the measures we have put in place to support Government guidelines are working well.

As of the 1st of July, we will be welcoming back more children into the nursery, which is fantastic news. This does mean that the car park area may be busier, and the queues may be slightly longer to drop off and collect. We would kindly like to ask you to be patient with us at these periods of the day. Equally, if you find you can come earlier to collect your child, that will subsequently help with waiting times.

The car park will remain closed through July, we believe that it supports us in implementing social distancing for our families and staff. With the increase number of children returning to the setting, we are asking parents to be considerate with their parking. If you can walk to the setting, it would greatly help to reduce the number of cars on Green lane. We will be placing a member of the team by the gate into the garden to help direct and support parents with the measures in place.

Earlies and late will be back available in August so please email samantha@brightstars.org.uk for availability. We are pleased to announce that the Toddler room will be back open from the 1st July, they have been currently operating from the baby room due to the low numbers.

To accommodate the increase in numbers, we have more of the team returning from July as well. We have greatly missed them all and I know they are all very keen to back with the children. Many of the team will be returning on part time hours for July and it is under constant review that they will return to their normal contracted hours. If your child's key person has been furloughed and are returning in July, we will be returning them to your child. However, the key person must be attending enough hours to ensure they can support your child's learning and development. The supervisor of your room will inform you of any changes that may impact you or your child.

So, you may ask 'what measures are we putting in place to ensure we are keeping your children safe?'

- Anyone displaying symptoms of COVID 19 will not be allowed entry into the setting and will be asked to follow government guidelines and to get tested.
- We will continue to carry out four cleans a day in each room. This will be on areas that are at a higher risk of contamination such as hand rails, door handles, bathrooms etc
- Hand washing will still be expected on entry into the setting by the children and the team.
- We will continue to not allow non- essential workers/parents or members of the public, into the setting throughout the day.
- Soft toys and furnishings are still not allowed within the rooms
- Belongings will be wiped down if they are entering the nursery

- We will be asking all staff and children to have completed declarations before returning to the setting.
- Resources are cleaned extensively using our amazing steam cleaner. This is also used to steam clean over all surfaces in the nursery particularly anything at child level e.g the walls, door frames, chairs, units.
- We have also ordered three fogging sanitation units this month, these will be in operation in the rooms as soon as they arrive. This unit "Kills 99.9% of bacteria, fungi and virus in the air". Although healthy practices like catching sneezes in tissues and hand washing will be continued. We believe that this measure will provide us with extra security in stopping the spread of COVID 19. We are invested in keeping your children safe.

We hope that this update finds you well and that life is hopefully returning to some normality for you and your family. It is wonderful to have the children back in the nursery, hearing the giggles and interactions has put a smile back on all our faces. Stay safe and stay alert.