



PARK ROYAL MONTESSORI NURSERY

Guidance For Safe Returning to Nursery

After months of closure due to the pandemic and government's guidance, I am excited to

tell you that our Montessori Nursery is *opening again on*

Tuesday 2nd September 2020

We are looking forward to welcoming you back from 2nd September 2020 and want to tell you a little more about what we are doing to keep your children and our staff stay safe.

We know this is an anxious time for everyone but our new operating procedures, which have been based on Government Guidance, and our own additional measures, have been implemented to ensure we are able to still provide the highest level of care, education and emotional support to our children, whilst minimising the risk of infection for everyone. Safety remains our priority and we will ensure that each and every one of our children is supported in a way which meets their own individual needs.

Why should more children go to Nursery?

- As a result of the huge efforts everyone has made over the past months, the transmission rate of Coronavirus has decreased.
- It is good for children's mental wellbeing.
- It is good for children to socialise.

- Nursery is a good place for them to play and learn.

How are we making sure Nursery is safe for everyone?

- We have robust and detailed health, hygiene and safety protocols in place.
- Everyone will wash their hands regularly.
- If a child, family member, or staff member is sick, they cannot come to the Nursery.
- Nursery will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- We are working in small groups of children which will minimise contact and mixing.
- Supporting children in an age appropriate way to understand how they can keep themselves safe, like regular handwashing and sneezing into a tissue.

Returning to Nursery

To do this we will need to make some changes, so what will be different about Nursery when you come back?

- How you drop off and pick up your child, for example, you might use a different exit or entry to normal, you may have to wait a little longer to come into the Nursery.
- Your child may be based in a different room, or have a different Key Person.
- Children will play and learn in small groups. They may not be able to have all of their usual toys available if these are not easily washable.
- We will change how we serve lunch and there will be some temporary changes to the menu, including serving cold teas.
- There will be no outings outside the Nursery premises, or external educational Visitors, we aim to have virtual meetings.
- Parents will not be able to enter the Nursery except for bespoke settling in needs which will be managed in line with all guidance.
- We will carry out Nursery visits for new parents when the Nursery is not occupied.

How will we settle children back into Nursery and ensure their wellbeing is looked after?

- The Nursery Manager will work with you to agree a plan which will support your child's return to, or start, at Nursery in a way which meets their own individual needs, whilst adhering to precautionary measures.
- Our staff will still provide cuddles and comfort to children in their small groups.
- We will support children's understanding of why their world is currently different with a range of age-appropriate learning opportunities.

Will my child or the staff be tested?

Testing without symptoms is not currently available but anyone attending or working in a Nursery is now eligible for a test if they display symptoms. We will continue to follow all Government advice in this regard.

What if there is a case of Coronavirus at Nursery?

There have been extremely low rates of infection in nurseries who have remained open

for Key Workers but if there is a suspected case:

- Parents will be contacted immediately, and the child will be isolated from other children with one member of staff who will wear PPE whilst caring for the child.
- The child or staff member with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days and apply for a test.
- The people who the child or staff member lives with must self isolate for 14 days.
- Where a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group will be sent home

and advised to self-isolate for 14 days and follow the 'Stay at home: guidance for house

holds with possible coronavirus. Other household members of the wider group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with develops symptoms.