

Dear parent/carer,

Please find attached an overview of our risk review associated with the 1st June reopening, and details of the measures we will be putting in place ahead of and from this date. The attached is a summary from a parent perspective, but the wider more detailed action plan we are working to (which is a dynamic document) is also available should you wish to review practitioner/management focused actions we are taking - this is a dynamic document but a link to a recent baseline of this is available on our covid-19 page of the website, and via this link:

<https://bit.ly/2AOTvw8>

The last page of the attached document is a summary of the measures we are putting in place that will impact how you interact with the nursery and our practitioners. We would ask that you take a moment to review this and the final page is a bullet summary of the measures relevant to you. Particular note should be taken of:

- Effective two way communication between you and nursery is vital at this time. Reporting of symptoms and confirmed diagnoses, and practicalities of booking patterns and ad hoc changes you may need to address your employment needs; but also your engagement in helping us to make Rainbow as safe as we can. So please feel free to give feedback on these measures if you can think of areas we can improve on.
- Also on the subject of communication, we need you to let us know if your child attends other settings, or is cared for by others outside of your household. In recent years government policy has encouraged this, but now, mid pandemic, this is reversed as it clearly represents a cross contamination risk. North Yorkshire Council are asking us to raise awareness of the risks in multiple care locations and to ask that you make us aware if you are.
- We are adopting measures to make drop off and collection as touch free as possible. Nothing from home or sent home, online medication and accident forms, no parents over the threshold, and for where a child has to be physically handed between adults within 2 meters then we are asking parents to wear a face covering at that moment.
- Recognising that very young children cannot maintain physical distancing and in line with government guidance the children will be allocated to “bubbles” which will be as consistent as possible, with consistent staffing where possible.
- In the event that the practitioner caring for your child’s group is confirmed with COVID-19 or a child within the bubble has a confirmed case of COVID-19 you will be advised as soon as possible and your child will need to isolate for 14 days. This is part of the additional measures instructed by the government to mitigate the risk of re-opening early years settings where normal social distancing is not practical.
- Our Junior Club regular service is suspended until September. Our Junior Club service is across year groups AND across schools and we do not feel we can safely provide this service under current government guidelines. It's looking like primary school return will be very gradual, i.e. some children, in some year groups, on some days, and in some schools so we are hoping this is not going to inconvenience many parents but we sincerely apologise if it does. We may be able to provide ad hoc support, especially to key workers, if required.

The specific details on the guidance we are using is available by following the various .gov links in the attached document.

As I'm sure you can imagine, the principle of social distancing babies and toddlers just doesn't work and the government guidance recognises that. The stand in measure is maintaining where possible and practical small groups of children cared for by the same practitioners consistently. From a practicality

point of view this is challenging, parents booking patterns vary dramatically through the week (and especially at this time of change in the workplace), and practitioner working hours and days also vary through the week. This is all new to us and we are working hard to find an appropriate balance of safety, social interaction and child well being, and practitioner wellbeing. This work is ongoing and the group your child will be in, and the room that group will operate out of (and hence drop off collection arrangements) will be confirmed to you next week.

Should you have any feedback or suggestions on this please don't hesitate to get in touch, otherwise we will be in touch with parents confirmed to return week commencing 1st June with their child's bubble location next week.

Kind regards,

Karl and Harriet Shields