

Rosy Apple Childcare Ltd

Little Achievers Nurseries



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Phase 1 – From Monday 1st June • Key worker's children • Vulnerable children and restarting children who's families have confirmed a place and agreed sessions

Phase 2 – From Monday 8th June • Children that will be starting reception

* Subject to staffing and government approval that it is safe to do so.

Welcome

We hope you and your families are well. We are looking to re-open on the 2nd of June provided the government confirms that it is safe to do so. We are looking using a phased return to enable us to ensure the safety of children and staff. We need to be honest with you and state categorically that we are unable to socially distance children of this age and therefore cannot guarantee your children's safety. The reason childhood illnesses spread rapidly is because children are unable to stay away from each other. There is still many unknowns in relation to this pandemic, and I am not sure that we will have answers anytime soon so we can only offer a service and allow you to make your own decision on what you do with your child for your individual circumstances. We do not think we can make a decision on your behalf when it comes to something as precious as your children. We currently have some staff at work which puts us in position to be open however with restrictions in place. We therefore request you to carefully read, understand and adhere to this guidance. Despite every effort on our behalf to ensure that our children and staff are safe, every child in the setting will be admitted with the understanding that parents have understood the risks that are involved and they are aware and agree to adhere to our safety guidelines. Should we feel that parents are not adhering to the guidelines or proving to come across difficult and challenging then under the current circumstances we will have to ask them to take their children away until situations change. Patience, tolerance and flexibility is key for the safety of everyone in these difficult circumstances.

Our safety measures

Drop off and Pick ups

2 metre markers will be set out on the ground at the entrance; parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the nursery premises keeping 2 metres apart. Parents will not be permitted to gather outside the nursery.

Please talk to your children and prepare them for their return to nursery so they are ready to come in by themselves without being distressed as we will not be able to physically take them (with the exception of babies). We recommend that the same person consistently drops and pick up the children.

Please check with individual nursery for the following information

Entrance for
Babies
Toddlers
Preschool

Temperature checks

Ensure temperatures of staff / children / parents / visitors are taken on entering the nursery building, record these actions with name, date, time and temperature. If temperature above 37.2C then staff / child / parent / visitor not allowed into the building. All parents MUST accompany the child to the door and remain with the child until the temperature has been taken so to be available to take the child home – if temperature is above our required maximum of 37.2C

Please check with individual nursery for following information

Temperature checks will be completed in
..... location for babies
..... location for toddlers
..... location for preschool

Parent's

We will be staggering drop off and pick up times to ensure social distancing is maintained and so that not all children enter and leave at the same time.

Cleaning

The nursery will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the day to minimise the risk of any germs spreading.

Transport

Parents are requested to avoid using public transport where possible. We advise you to come by car, walking or cycling.

If in the unfortunate circumstance your only option is to use public transport then you will be required to adhere to the social distancing rules ensuring that you remain 2 metres away from others.

Presentations/Large carpet & group activities

We will cancel all social events which include our yearly presentations, trips and graduations for the foreseeable future.

Outdoor & Lunch/Snack time

We will stagger our snack and outdoor times and use other areas of the nursery to ensure that bubbles of children are spaced out so that social distance can be maintained as much as possible. Children will be spending a lot of time outdoors, please ensure they have appropriate clothing and sun cream (applied at home), hats etc

The environment

We will continue to provide care and education in small bubbles with a maximum of 8 children per bubble. We aim to keep this bubble consistent with the same adults and children throughout the day.

Hand wash

We will ensure our children are washing their hands at least 20 seconds across the day, particularly: • upon coming into nursery • After sneezing or coughing • Before and after handling or eating food • After going to the toilet

We will also be placing hand sanitisers in all communal areas for the staff.

Promoting good hygiene

The nursery will promote regular good hygiene materials to ensure they are maintaining a good hygiene.

Please ensure contact details are updated as grandparents may not now be available as an emergency contact.

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

The children and staff will not be required to wear PPE in the setting. However, the nursery will ensure enough supplies of PPE are stored such as disposables gloves and aprons should we need them such as in the case of a child falling unwell whilst on site.

Children that become unwell

If you or anybody in your family becomes unwell with a continuous cough, temperature or loss of taste and smell, then the whole family will need to isolate for 14 days in line with government guidance. If any child becomes unwell with the above symptoms they will be sent home. Whilst the child is awaiting collection, they will be placed in isolation with a member of staff away from others until they are picked up. It is vital we are able to get in touch with parents immediately; therefore please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

Stay at home.

Any children living with a person who is at increased risk of severe illness, or an extremely vulnerable person who is shielding from coronavirus, should stringently follow the guidance on social distancing and minimise contact outside the home, such children are advised not to attend the setting.

Parent & Staff communication

Face to face communication between staff and parent will be minimal.

Visitors and Meeting

We will not allow any non essential visitors to be on the site until further notice and all meetings with the manager and key workers must be held via a phone call.

Clothing

Please ensure hygiene is maintained and that children come in with fresh, clean clothes daily.

Buggies will not be permitted to be left at nursery until further notice.

Parents bringing children in buggies will need to take the buggies home after dropping them off.

Bags and Toys

Children will not be allowed to bring in toys from home. All parents will be required to leave a clearly labelled bag with sufficient clean clothes at nursery. If children need to be changed, their clothes will be washed and replaced in their bags. These bags will be kept at nursery for the remainder of the term.

Helpful Links / information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

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