



1st March 2021

Dear Willow Nursery Parents,

Following the government announcement last week, we are looking forward to running our usual Willow Nursery session times and welcoming all children back from **Monday 8th March**. We have been busy working through the updated guidance for schools and have reviewed our school risk assessment. As mentioned last week, there are not many changes and therefore children should expect the Nursery to feel similar to the Autumn Term.

The information below is a reminder of all our arrangements.

Session Times

Willow Morning Children	8:30am – 11:30am
Willow Afternoon Children	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Willow 30-hour Children	8:30am – 3:30pm

'Drop Off' and Collection Arrangements

- Please arrive at the Nursery gates at the start of your child's session. Members of the Nursery team will be there to meet and greet your child.
- If your child has not already returned to the Nursery during this partial closure, we would ask that you prepare them as much as possible for the 'drop off' and of course the Nursery team will be on hand to support any children who are feeling anxious.
- The same gates will be used at the end of the session to collect your child. The Nursery team will dismiss the children one at a time as you arrive at the gates.

To support social distancing during 'drop off' and collection

- Thank you for your cooperation in supporting social distancing at all times and the wearing of a face covering for both drop off and collection.
- Only one adult per family should 'drop off' and collect your child.
- Please do not arrive any earlier or later than your session times.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to allow any parents to enter the Nursery playground or building.
- Any messages for the teacher should be sent to the Bowes Office email address, where it will be passed on.
- The main school office will be closed to visitors, but is contactable by phone/email.

The following information has been sent out to the whole school community:

Keeping Safe Through Good Hygiene

- Good hygiene practice will be in place: cleaning hands more often than usual; washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap; promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and frequent cleaning of touched surfaces and resources.
- Daily cleaning will take place *throughout* the school day with a particularly thorough clean of classrooms, corridors, staircases and toilets after school.
- Class based resources that are shared will be cleaned regularly.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The Government has said that PPE will not be necessary in schools, other than for a very small number of cases (e.g. routine intimate care needs and when supervising a child who becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus).
- Face coverings may not be worn by those who are not able to handle them as directed (for examples, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.
- With the mandatory use of face coverings on public transport, we must ask that children/parents dispose of temporary face coverings appropriately or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag that can be taken home. It is essential that hands are washed thoroughly after the removal.

Confirmed cases of coronavirus

- If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (Covid-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school when they feel well enough and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (Covid-19). Fellow household members can also end their self-isolation.
- Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any children who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

As always, all of the above will be kept under continual review and subject to change. I would like to thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,

Effie Demetriou
Headteacher