



Additional Information for Early Years Foundation Stage

Key Government Guidance for Early Years Settings

- Early years settings are no longer required to keep children in small, consistent groups within settings but can return to normal group sizes.
- Parents are required to drop off and collect children from the designated area. No parents are able to enter the school or Reception learning environment.
- The Reception learning environment and surrounding areas will undergo an enhanced cleaning schedule, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces on a regular basis.
- Only 2 children may use the designated toilets at a time. They will be monitored by a member of the Early Years team at all times to ensure correct hand washing.
- Staff will promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach at all times.
- Hand washing will take place more regularly, including: when children arrive at school, when they return from being outdoors as well as before and after eating.
- No toys can be brought into school. We understand that the transition to school may be difficult for some children and they may want to bring in a comforter. Please encourage your child to leave their comforter at the school gate. As an Early Years team, we will support your child and engage them in the school day.

Our Learning Environment

As an Early Years team, we have worked hard to prepare a stimulating and engaging environment for your child whilst following all Government and Local Authority guidance.

We have been able to return our learning spaces to normal with some minor changes and adaptations to keep your children as safe as possible. Current guidance states that 'all beanbags, pillows and soft furnishings should be removed from settings'. We have adhered to this whilst still maintaining a warm and inviting space to learn. Sand and malleable materials such as play dough and clay have also been removed until guidance states that they can be safely used again.

Children will be allocated an area in our cloakroom to store their coats. **Please do not send in a PE kit with your child.** We will notify you when PE sessions will begin and the children can then wear their kit.

The Structure of Our Day

As an Early Years team, we understand that the transition into school may be more challenging for your child since they have not attended a nursery setting in such a long time. We will prioritise supporting your child as they adapt to their new routines and setting as well as getting to know all their new friends and members of staff.

Our school day will consist of lots of games and physical activities as well as opportunities for the children to develop their language and communication skills. Staff will engage in play with the children to promote positive relationships and a stimulating learning environment.

During the first few weeks in school, we plan to include lots of teaching around keeping ourselves safe, including regular hand washing and the use of tissues.

Our aim is to get to know your children quickly so we can encourage them all to be the best that they can be!

Mrs Dainty and Mrs Flavell

