



Giggles Galore Nursery and Childcare Centre  
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Dear parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their understanding and co-operation whilst we have had to limit nursery sessions to keyworker and vulnerable children; I know that this period has been very challenging for us all.

Further to the latest Government announcement, and subject to their Five Tests justifying this step, early years and childcare providers are now permitted to **open to all children from 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

We are obviously delighted to be able to welcome the children back.

First and foremost, the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. In accordance with the latest Government guidance and to provide you with our commitment to the health and safety of all children and staff, some of the steps we are taking are outlined below.

#### **Protective measures we are taking in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)**

- Anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms – children, parents, staff or if you live with someone who is displaying symptoms, should not attend the setting
- Keeping children in the nursery in small groups with consistent staffing wherever possible, and minimising contact with other groups of children within the setting
- Increasing hand hygiene, making sure staff and children wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub/sanitiser
- Ensuring the children and staff practice good respiratory hygiene by using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and having a freely accessible supply of tissues and bins
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces are cleaned regularly throughout the day, including tabletops, door handles and play equipment
- Expecting parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children



- A copy of our Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic policy is available upon request, should you require

### Steps we need you to take

- ✓ Wash your own and your child's hands with soap when leaving your home
- ✓ Children use the hand sanitiser before entering the nursery and the fabric spray for their coat/bag, again upon leaving
- ✓ Ensure social distancing or two metres; One adult to drop off at one time (to stay in the car until it is your turn) and collect their child/ren; staggered arrivals and collections will be implemented for popular times
- ✓ Access to the nursery premises will be limited to "unless absolutely necessary"
- ✓ Any child or adult showing signs of coronavirus will be isolated with a member of staff (staff member will use PPE whilst isolating with any child showing symptoms), and will need to be collected
- ✓ Undertake a COVID-19 test if you or your child shows any signs of COVID-19 and notify the nursery immediately if the test is positive

### Testing

The Government suggests that children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a COVID-19 test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and will be encouraged to get tested. A positive test will trigger rapid action by the nursery to protect other children and staff in the setting.

**In bringing your child to the Nursery, you have confirmed your family is adhering to the Government guidelines on social distancing and staying safe. Should these be breached, or should nursery have good reason to suspect they have been breached, your child will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days whilst adhering to guidelines on social distancing.**

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. However, children who are considered 'at risk' due to health conditions should not, at the moment, attend Giggles. If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a pre-existing 'at risk' health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

Changes to the arrangements set out in this letter may be made at any time, in accordance with any updated Government advice.

Kind regards

Paula



Nursery Manager