Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open The Life Nursery from 2nd September 2020.

I am pleased to let you know that, further to the government’s announcement on 20th July that early years and childcare providers will open fully with measurements in place for individual settings from 2nd September.

**Protective measures that we have put in place in light of the coronavirus (Covid -19)**

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

**Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include**

* Only **ONE** parent/carer should drop child off at setting
* When arriving at the setting ensure that you stand on the marked-out areas 1m apart
* Parents/carers will **NOT** be allowed into nursery or into the nursery garden
* Parents must wait at the gate
* Staff will **NOT** be taking children from their parents and getting in close contact
* A member of staff will take child’s temperature prior to coming into the nursery
* Children will walk into nursery freely, if not they should go home
* Children who are unwell will not be allowed into the setting
* A member of staff will be at the gate waiting and will mark children off the register when they arrive
* Parents must drop children off and leave asap
* Children will **NOT** be allowed to bring toys, blankets or teddies from home into the nursery (see ‘no toy from home’ policy)
* Once children are in the setting, they will be directed and supervised to wash their hands straight away
* Toys that cannot be cleaned easily will be removed from the nursery such as sand, playdough, toys with small parts, soft toys, books
* Children will wash their hands regularly through the session/day
* Cleaning will take place during the session to avoid transmission
* At the end of each session (once children have left the nursery) a fogger machine will be used to disinfect all areas of the nursery
* At snack time children will sit four to a table and will be given snack of their choice by an adult
* At lunch time children will sit four to a table and one member of staff will supervise and wear gloves to minimise risk of transmission by touching lunch boxes
* The nursery will be deep cleaned once a week as well as cleaned after each session

**What parents can do to help**

* If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms, please do not bring children to the setting and follow government guidance
* If we suspect a case of coronavirus at the setting parents will be informed straight away and protocol will be followed
* Ensure that you speak to your child explaining that the nursery will be very different from what they know

Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in the setting and the nursery may close, following government guidance.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test.

**We would also like parents/careers to take what Bradford council has advised in to account when sending children to nursery**

I hope that this letter has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable children to return to us from 2nd September. We are looking forward to welcoming your child[ren] back. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know and contact the nursery.

Thank you.

Louise Gray

Nursery Manager