



Welcome to North Bushey Preschool

We are very pleased that you are joining us at North Bushey Preschool to start your learning journey. We have many exciting activities and fun planned but as you are all aware we have had to make some changes due to COVID 19. We are following guidance and procedures from the Department of Education and Government so we can ensure safety is paramount for our children, adults, and the wider community.

Arriving and Collecting

At this present time we are following guidance and unfortunately will not be able to permit parents or visitors inside for settling.

We would like to reassure you and will keep you updated with how your child settles. With our steps we take on settling and our trustworthy reliant settling procedures that has worked time and time again.

Please can all parents and carers follow safe social distancing at this time. We have implemented a one way system for parents to use. Please follow the instructions outside and arrows so there is no queue jumping to drop off or collection of your child.

At drop off we will ask you to find your child's peg. Hang up belongings then proceed to the door. Your key person will greet your child from you there. Be assured your child will have lots of fun! After saying goodbye please depart up the way out arrowed path. There will also be a hand sanitise station to use.

At the end of session collection time please again follow our one way system down the path. Take turns to queue. Moving along as each parent collects their child. As you reach outside under the shelter please wait on the marked area and your child will be called and we will bring your child to you. Then please depart back up the one way system accordingly.

We fully understand too how you like to know about your child's day.

When bringing your child out at departure time we will be happy to give feedback about the day. Or if you prefer please call us throughout session or wait patiently to the back of collection area after collection allowing us to safely allow for others to leave and your key person will come outside to give a more in-depth catch up of the day.

Bags & Belongings

We would like ALL children to bring a bag with a few things for the day.

Please include in your child's bag:

- Spare clothes
- Hat
- Drink bottle with only water in it
- Nappies & wipes if applicable
- Healthy lunchbox if applicable
- No toys from home

Please NAME everything! Also apply sunscreen before arriving. Weather depending. If we need to change your child and we do not have spare clothes we will ask you to pop back with some. As our own spare clothes & hats will be suspended for a while. Also can you please name the bag!

Routine

We will be implementing more safety measures into our normal daily routine.

We will be hand washing at the start of the session and then at different transition times through the day. We will also support the children to understand and follow the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' campaign with safely disposing of tissues. Promoting hand hygiene throughout.

Absence & Sickness

Whilst we understand children are building immunity. We really need you to take all precautions and ask do not send children to pre school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or if you have someone

in your household who does, or if you have been in close contact with relatives or friends who have symptoms. Then do not attend preschool. We want to ensure that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the preschool if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

The medical advice is clear: you must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does, or been in close contact with someone who does.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Children do become unwell at times and we ask for you also not to administer child paracetamol or ibuprofen just so they can attend. The best place for an unwell child is at home. If your child is not attending because of illness please notify us before the session with reason of absence, as this is very important for us as we need this information for our records.

If anyone in the preschool becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should 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 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to our isolation area with adult supervision. Which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products also the isolation area will be fully cleaned before being used by anyone else.

Full PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection.

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

The government will ensure that it is as easy as possible to get a test through a wide range of routes that are locally accessible, fast and convenient.

We will be asking our parents and also our staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to pre school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10 day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for a full 14 days.

Cleaning

All toys, resources and areas that we use throughout the session will be cleaned. Our team will also ensure all surfaces, furniture as well as contact points will also be part of our daily cleaning schedule. At present some of our resources that are not able to be washed daily will be removed.

Support

We have many different contacts to support you and your family. We understand this time has been unprecedented in our lifetime. If you need further advice, guidance we are here. Or even just to listen.

We hope you and your family will be very happy with our preschool and we will all share some fantastic memories and the children will have a great time learning through play.

Best wishes
North Bushey Preschool Team

Here are some useful links to copy and paste into browser:

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended1.pdf

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