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Please can all parents read our setting risk assessment attached alongside this letter.

Dear Parents, Children and families,

Hello everyone, I hope you are all safe and well. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September and can't wait to get going with all the fantastic things we have planned for children.

Our setting we will be opening for our usual hours from Tuesday 8th September, 7:30am-5:30pm daily.

We are currently working with information given to us by the government (which changes frequently), this has helped us implement our settings risk assessment to keep everybody safe. I have sent all parents our settings risk assessment alongside this letter so you can see how we plan to keep your children and our members of staff as safe as possible on our return.

Upon return to pre-school and Play Pals, we will initially focus on helping children to learn new routines and understand changes; trying to keep children as relaxed and happy as possible (limiting anxiety is essential at this time).

We will be working in partnership with Tickton Primary school to make sure any children accessing Play Pals out of school care are well cared for in line with any changing policies.

There will be a big focus on hygiene; with initiatives including regular hand washing etc. Nevertheless, we have to let you know that despite any system or processes we put in place; young children will not socially distance - and this is not expected of our young children in pre-school.

We will have to be vigilant in responding to any cough or cold whilst working with parents to check for Covid-19 symptoms, making sure children are collected quickly. We ask that all parents comply with this and the testing procedures as detailed in our risk assessment. We ask that no parent brings items from home (such as toys) into the setting and limit essential belongings to a labelled bag with: -

- Changes of clothes and nappies and wipes as needed.

- Food for the day (a packed lunch). We will provide drinks throughout the day for children (milk and water). Parents can provide their own drinks if they wish but please label these bottles.
- We ask parents to apply factor 50 sun cream to their child before setting attendance every day to ensure safe play outside.

(please label all your child's belongings, including lunch boxes and pots, clothes, and bags).

Collection and pick up.

It will be possible for us to have our usual face to face chats with parents at the start and end of sessions (socially distanced) however parents must wear face coverings during all drop off and collection times.

Please ring the doorbell as usual for drop off and collection times and hand sanitize using the gel/foam provided on entrance and exit.

We will limit one/two parents in the setting at anyone time to drop off/collect, meaning that parents may have to wait a few minutes at the door - please bear this in mind when dropping off/collecting.

If parents feel confident then please leave your child with a staff member at the entrance rather than entering the setting, however we understand that new children will need their parents support when starting and parents can enter to help settle their child - face covering must be worn.

At collection times please ring the doorbell - staff members will wave to the parent (signalling they have seen the parent waiting outside to collect). Staff members will collect your child and their belongings together and bring them to the entrance area for parent collection, parents will be let into the entrance area and we will discuss with parents how children have managed that day. It may be that parents will exit the setting through our outdoor play door to avoid congestion in the main entrance area depending on how busy we are at the time.

Parents are welcome to make regular contact via phone (01964 501744) and/or email (info@ticktonpreschool.co.uk) to check how their child is managing throughout sessions.

This letter is subject to change should the Government strategy alter going forward.

It honestly breaks my heart to have to implement these sorts of changes, especially for drop off and collection times as many families know we like to promote community. Please know that we will do everything we can to keep everyone safe and secure and that your children mean the world to us.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Helen.