

The Lenches Pre-school Group

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter 6th January I would like to thank you all for your positive comments and concerns. We are definitely in unprecedented times.

As a transparent setting I would like to update you that today we have received further guidance and support of Worcestershire Children First (WCF) which we were waiting on. Accordingly, I can confirm The Lenches pre-school will reopen on Tuesday 12th January 2020 with an initial bubble and maximum of 15 children. The opening times will be 9am-2pm Tuesday-Thursday and in order to keep the bubble secure your child will need to attend all 3 days and all day. If your child should miss a day then they cannot come back to the bubble until the following Tuesday i.e. the start of the next week.

A risk assessment will be sent during the next few days for your attention However I would take the opportunity to address some of the immediate concerns from parents in this letter. I can confirm that children will be able to move freely around the setting but will still only have access to a 'easy to clean' resources. Children will be given a choice of boxes of toys but will not access them themselves. An allocated seat and table will still be given to each child which will be cleaned after each use. Any soft toys and mats will not be available.

All doors and windows will be open in the setting to ensure there is ventilation provided, with this in mind please can you wrap your child up warm as it will be extremely cold.

All Staff will be wearing full PPE – masks, vizors and aprons for the whole day to protect themselves, this will be changed regularly and also when it has come into contact with children. Staff will continue to keep 2 meters apart from one another to respect social distancing rules.

As a number of parents have indicated that they at present wish to keep their children at home we will be providing not only on-site support but also remote support. Our staff will therefore be split into two teams. We believe this gives the children and families the best possible all round support and guidance, whilst meeting the needs of both staff and children. We are lucky that this time round and which we did not have in the Spring 2020 the ability to use Tapestry. I am aware Tapestry is being accessed by a number of you and at times it may not be available if this is the case please give it a few minutes and try again.

By operating two staff teams this would also mean that should we have a positive case on site and have to close after a deep clean the remote team could return to site and then any children who test negative can return.

We will also be reviewing the systems in place every 7 days so if you initially decide not to return your child but then decide to do so please let us know as soon as you can and we can review the bubble and staff levels.

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to be open and transparent with all our parents as we have been in previous communications, this helps us to build a positive and truthful bond with all families.

If you wish for your child to attend as of Tuesday 12th January 2021 please respond to this email by **8PM - SUNDAY 10th JANUARY** in order we can ensure staffing levels.

As always please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Paula Lloyd
Chairperson for and on behalf of TLPS