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Dear Parents and Carers

3rd September 2021

Welcome to Wrenthorpe Pre-School to our new children and their families and welcome back to School on Wednesday 8th September 2021 to our returning children and their families!

We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming our children and their families to Pre-School. We'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of the changes this term in response to the latest Government Guidance around the lifting of restrictions in schools and settings in place due to the Covid -19 pandemic. This letter will explain some of the changes made for the Autumn term as noted in the letter shared from Mr Dickinson Waterton Academy Trust CEO, there is an updated Risk Assessment and newly compiled Outbreak Management Plan which are available to view on our website.

Risk Assessment: <https://www.wrenthorpepreschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pre-School-Risk-Assessment-September-2021.pdf>

Outbreak Management Plan: <https://www.wrenthorpepreschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Waterton-Outbreak-Management-Plan.docx.pdf>

These documents provide an outline of the overall strategy and steps taken by all Waterton academies and settings. We will continue to review any updated Government and Waterton Academy Trust guidance as it is released and will inform you of any updates.

See also the Government's Information for Parents and Carers:

Return to Early years Settings: https://www.wrenthorpepreschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021.08.26_Return-to-Education_Early-Years-Leaflet_A5.pdf.pdf

Start time and End time

Early Birds: 7:30 (booking required)

Morning session: 9:00 – 12:00

Afternoon session: 12:15 – 3:15

Children who have confirmed 30 hours: 9:00 – 3:00 or 3:15 where additional provision is paid for.

Night Owls up to 6:00 (booking required)

Face masks

In line with Government guidance, we are no longer recommending that masks be worn when dropping off or collecting children.

Settling In

We are pleased to welcome parents and carers back into our nursery garden and cloakroom to bring children into pre-school and collect them at the end of the day.

Attendance

The Waterton Academy Trust [Attendance Policy](#) remains in effect. It is expected that children attend pre-school as normal and that absences for any reason are reported to the office.

Uniform

Pre-school uniform is available to purchase. We would like to see our children looking smart in their pre-school jumpers or cardigans with their comfortable leggings/joggers ready to play.

Social Distancing

There is no longer a requirement for social distancing on school grounds. We understand that some families may choose to keep their distance, and therefore ask that parents be respectful of each other's space, especially at busy times.

Self-Isolation

The latest guidance around self-isolation for close contacts of a positive case is as follows:

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

As this includes all children and fully vaccinated adults, there will be no requirement for all of pre-school to isolate in the event of a positive case. In the event of an outbreak being identified the Outbreak Management Plan will be followed, and parents will be informed of next steps.

Quarantine and Travel

Any families who have returned from a foreign holiday in the 10 days prior to returning to school must check the Government guidance around travel and quarantine, found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

Symptoms and testing

All staff will continue to be encouraged to participate in twice weekly lateral flow testing for asymptomatic individuals. Tests are also available to parents, and can be ordered here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

The main Covid-19 symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to sense of taste or smell. If a member of the household has symptoms, but your child does not they should still attend as long as they can safely be brought to school without breaching self-isolation rules.

If your child has any of the above symptoms they must not come to school and must stay at home and self-isolate. Any adults in the household who are not fully vaccinated (but have no medical reason not to be vaccinated) must also self-isolate. The symptomatic person and unvaccinated adults may only leave the house to take a PCR test. Tests can be arranged here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

If this test is negative, the symptomatic child may return to school. See below for what to do if the test is positive.

Reporting a positive case

In the unfortunate event of your child having a positive Covid-19 test, they must stay at home and isolate for 10 days after the first onset of symptoms (or test date if asymptomatic). Parents / carers should report this positive test result to the pre-school as soon as possible. At the end of the 10 day period, if your child is feeling well and no longer has a high temperature they may return to school.

Communication

We will keep you informed of any further changes via our website and through our parent text system should we need to get information to you urgently.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support, and welcome you all warmly to Wrenthope Pre-School for what we hope will be an enjoyable year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Cook'.

Mrs Becky Cook
Executive Headteacher