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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience since the Nursery reopened in June. Children, parents and staff adapted quickly as a team to the strangest of events to make this term so successful.

We have put together rigorous cleaning schedules to keep our children safe and a robust curriculum programme to ensure our children are able to bridge any gaps in their learning and thrive academically - as they always do.

We will be treating the preschool and Little Owls as two 'bubbles' from September. It is worth bearing in mind the following taken from the Government's guidelines to primary schools:

The DfE recognises that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.

To ensure safety, measures Boston Nursery School will undertake include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home;
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene;
- enhanced cleaning arrangements;
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace;
- reduced contacts and maximised distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimising potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

We intend to reduce contacts by:

- grouping children together into two groups;
- avoiding contact between the two groups wherever possible;
- staff maintaining distance from children and other staff as much as possible.



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Children, staff, parents/carers and other adults should not come into the Nursery if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days.



If anyone in the Nursery 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 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see whether 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 becomes unwell at home with the same symptoms, please advise the Nursery immediately and arrange a test for your child.

As is currently happening, staff and children will clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual, including when they arrive at Nursery. Soap and water is a much more efficient and thorough method of hand sanitisation than hand gel; children do not need to bring gel into school as they will always have access to soap and water. Hand creams also allow the virus to stick to children's hands; please leave these at home.

We will continue to ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

We have already introduced enhanced cleaning in Nursery, particularly cleaning frequently touched surfaces and resources, and this will continue. Within the rooms, each child will have their own resources wherever possible, such as writing materials. Where resources need to be shared, they will only be shared within the bubble and will be cleaned between use. We ask that children limit the amount of property they bring into school. Property should be limited to a lunch bag, hat, scarf, wellies and coat.

Under the new Government guidelines, we will be reintroducing the practice of sending educational materials home, such as reading books. However, these materials will not be shared outside the bubble and will be either cleaned or left for 72 hours between use, so please bear with us if rotating books takes us a little longer than usual.

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From the DfE guidance: All teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable.



We request that parents and carers continue to contact the office by telephone or email and respect a two metre distance when dealing with all staff members. In order to limit the risk of cross contamination, parents/carers must not enter the school building.

We will operate a rolling drop off for children at the start to the day to avoid congestion. This also allows flexibility for parents with commitments and/or children attending other schools who need to be dropped off. Drop off will be between 8:45 and 9:15 (or 12:30 and 1 for afternoon sessions) in the Nursery. Please drop your child(ren) off at the main entrance. You can choose to drop off your child between the times stated above.

Similarly, at the end of the day, we will operate a rolling collection to avoid congestion while allowing flexibility for parents with commitments. Collection will be between 11:15 and 11:45 for morning session (or 3 and 3:30 for afternoon & all day sessions) in the Nursery. Please collect your child directly from the main entrance, maintaining a distance of 2 metres from the doors and other parents/carers. Please be patient whilst your child collects their belongings.

At the beginning of term, there will be a staggered start for children to facilitate transition.

If your child has previously attended in Little Owls (the 2 year old provision) or has never attended Little Owls before your child will start and finish on the rolling drop off and collection times described above, from 2nd September eg drop off between 8.45 & 9.15am (Morning sessions) or 12. 30 & 1.00pm (afternoon sessions) then collect between 11.15 -11.45 for morning sessions or 3.00 - 3.30pm for afternoon sessions.

If your child has previously attended the preschool or attended Little Owls and is due to 'move up' to Pre School and has also attended since lockdown, they will return on the rolling drop off and collection times described above from 2nd September. eg drop off between 8.45 & 9.15am (Morning sessions) or 12. 30 & 1.00pm (afternoon sessions) then collect between 11.15 -11.45 for morning sessions or 3.00 - 3.30pm for afternoon & all day sessions.

If you have a child who will be transferring from Little Owls to preschool and they have not been in school since lockdown you will need to arrive on 2nd

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September at 9:45am and collect at 11.15am for morning sessions or arrive at 1.30pm and collect at 3.00pm for afternoon sessions until they are settled.

If your child is new to pre-school and has never attended Boston Nursery School your child will start on Monday 7th September, please bring your child at 9:45am and collect at 11.15 am for morning sessions or arrive at 1.30pm and collect at 3.00pm for afternoon sessions until they are settled.

Unfortunately, parents and carers cannot be permitted to enter the Nursery building due to the risk of transmitting the virus. We understand that this can be difficult for some parents and children, but it is important that we follow this guidance.

We request that only one parent/carer per family comes onto the Nursery site for collection and drop off. To minimise contact with other parents and children, please do not arrive early and leave the site promptly. It is imperative that parents ensure that both they and their children respect social distancing on the site and on the way to and from Nursery.

We ask that all parents/carers engage in the **NHS Test and Trace** process. Please ensure that the office has your most up-to-date details, particularly if you have changed your phone number recently.

Please book a test for you and/or your child through the 'NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website' if you, your child or any family member displays symptoms - and remember to inform the Nursery so that we can be vigilant. Do not come into Nursery. You and your household should self-isolate until you have received your test result.

When you receive your result, please inform the Nursery:

- if you and/or your child test negative. If you feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), you can stop self-isolating. You 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 you are better. Other members of your household can stop self-isolating.
- if you and/or your child test positive. You 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 7 days from the onset of your symptoms and then return to school only if you 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 7-day period starts from the day when you first became ill. If you still have



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a high temperature, you should keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal. Other members of your household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.



We will take swift action if we become aware that someone who has attended the Nursery tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). We will contact the local health protection team and will take their advice on the appropriate actions to take next, including who to inform and who to send home.

With regards to curriculum, we will not undertake any trips or visits outside the nursery site in the autumn. We will focus on the prime areas of learning, including: communication and language, personal, social and emotional development (PSED) and physical development.

We will continue to teach the children songs and activities that encourage handwashing and good respiratory hygiene.

We are aware that some of our children may be anxious about their first day or their return to Nursery. Teachers will be considering the provision of pastoral and extra-curricular activities within their planning in order to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

We will keep all risk assessments under constant review and amend them wherever necessary. The children's welfare will be uppermost in the minds of our staff at all times.

Please bear with us on the first day of opening. Teaching staff will be welcoming the children back into school at the main entrance as usual. Please do not approach within two metres of staff, other parents or children. Please be brisk in your drop off and collection out of respect for other members of our community. Please do not arrive early, and exit the site as soon as possible.

Above all, please be patient. These are difficult and stressful times for everyone, and we wish to avoid any of the stress or anxiety, we as adults may feel, to be transferred to the children.

In appreciation of your anticipated and continuing support and cooperation.
Yours sincerely

Mrs Donley
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