**Pippins@Hopebrook – Re-opening**

General information

Children should attend 1 setting only to prevent cross contamination between settings.

Children should not bring toys or personal belongings into the setting at this time.

Parents are to be asked wear clean clothes every day, and are not expected to wear their uniform.

Children will spend their time in a small group with one adult. This follows DFE recommendations - "it is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible and we can reduce transmission risk by ensuring children, young people and staff where possible, only mix in a small consistent group and that group stays away from other people and groups"

There will be a limited number of spaces available at Pippins – maximum of 10 children working on a 1:5 ratio. The children will be split into 2 groups. This will be their bubble for the day. The children will stay in that group for the day.

Pre-school children are unable to social distance; therefore their bubble will act as their family group.

Where possible children will spend lots of times outside in their bubble.

Start of the day

Pippins staff will be greeting children from 8.45am and will be met by staff at the gate.

Children should be accompanied onto site by only one parent.

Parents will be expected to join the queue to enter the setting – along with children queueing to enter the school building. The path will be marked into 2m sections. Please wait on the black line marker points to ensure social distancing is maintained.

Parents are asked to respect social distancing at all times and not to congregate on or around the school site.

Parents should not enter the Pippins building. Any communication with staff should be through phone or email.

Once through the gate, children are asked to put their lunchbox on the trolley. Their temperature will be taken before they enter the building. The doors will be propped open at this time of the day.

Children should hang their coats on the pegs and then wash their hands. Children will be encouraged to follow the 20 second guidance for handwashing.

Use of resources

All soft furnishings and toys will be removed

Any toys that are difficult to clean will also be removed ie lego, toys with loose parts, small maths play, wooden play equipment

Self-service paints will not be available

Some of the outside equipment will be out of use – sand, tyres, bricks

The wooden pirate ship will be out of use and will be taped off using red and white tape

Only equipment that is easy to clean will remain in the setting.

Resources used for creative activities will be disposed of daily ie creative bits, junk modelling, art straws, sequins etc.

Playdough will be given to children in their own little pots - not to be mixed with others - each child will have their own tools to use. These will be cleaned when used.

An assortment of books will be available for children to use - these will be available on rotation and once used they will be put away for at least 3 days (72 hours)

Once equipment has been used it will then be put into cleaning fluid to be cleaned where possible.

Pippins will have limited resources out to enable staff to be able to wipe down furniture, doors etc frequently during the day.

Preventative measures

Children will be encouraged to wash hands frequently during the day ie when coming into the building, when going to do different activities, before and after lunch, snack, after using the toilet. Children will be supervised during handwashing times.

As always, tissues will be available and children will be encouraged to remember the ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it’ routine.

Bins will be emptied regularly.

Additional cleaning resources will be available – including sanitiser, wipes and detergent sprays

Adults will wipe down toilet doors, handles and flushes when assisting children to wash their hands.

PPE will be available for staff to use. Staff will be advised to use it during intimate care ie changing nappies, assisting children to get changed etc.

Children showing signs of illness

If a child shows symptoms of Covid 19 staff will be advised to use PPE to keep themselves protected, parents will be called and requested to come and pick the child up.

A member of staff will isolate with the child, away from other children (in the sensory room) until the parent/carer comes to fetch the child. When the child has gone that member of staff will be asked to change their clothes and thoroughly wash their hands and arms before joining the other children to prevent, as much as possible, further contamination.

End of day

The day will end at 3pm

Children will wash their hands before leaving.

Children will gather their coats and lunchboxes.

Staff will take their bubble over to the recreation ground via the bridge. They will make their way to Pippins allotted space and hand the children over to their parent/carer.

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