

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open Treetops Pre-school from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Thank you.** Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation since we had to close from 25<sup>th</sup> March. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments with managing childcare, if you have children with special educational needs or disability, or if you are a single parent.

I am pleased to let you know that, further to the government's announcement that early years and childcare providers will open from 1 June (subject to scientific advice), we are working hard to take the necessary steps to be ready to welcome back all children. We will open only if the government confirms that their five key tests justify taking this step.

**Which children can attend from 1 June?** From the week beginning 1 June, early years and childcare providers will welcome back all children, if the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time. For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Some categories of children with specific serious health conditions should not attend their early years setting. If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

Please be assured that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We have been working very hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement new ways of operating. We have been able to make the Conker classroom available for children and have organised the children into 2 'Bubbles'. The children will attend on alternate days and be supported by a consistent team of staff.

Your child has been allocated a place within the '**Acorn Bubble**'.

The staff team will be: Jo, Beth, Holly and Millie.

The first session will be **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

Due to the nature of the children in this group we will be staggering arrival and departure times. These will be sent to you in a text by the end of the week!

Your child's days will be:

Week 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Week 2: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Week 3: Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Week 4: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Week 5: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Week 6: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July,

Week 7: Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Your child will need:**

- A healthy snack in a plastic box or lunch bag
- A drink in a water bottle
- Two changes of clothes in a carrier bag (these will stay at Treetops)
- Nappies and wipes (if needed)
- A sunhat
- Sun-cream on before they arrive at Treetops

**Please name all containers, hats and carrier bags clearly!**

**Children do not need:**

- **toys from home**
- **Back-packs or bags**
- **Fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets**

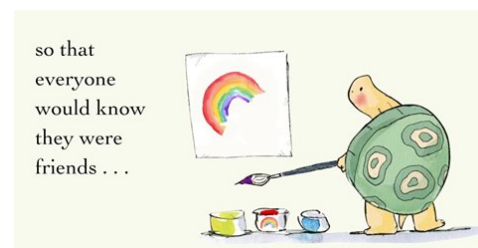
Currently we are only opening for morning sessions and will review this at the beginning of July 2020. We will keep you up-to-date especially around opening the Acorn class fully.

We will be sending further information and a video to support this before your child starts with us.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our setting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. Treetops telephone or text 07872 536936.

Keep enjoying the sunshine, stay safe and see you all next week.

*Love Jo and the staff team x*



so that  
everyone  
would know  
they were  
friends . . .

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings>