



13 May 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you have no doubt heard, the government has issued new guidance to begin reopening of Early Years settings from 1st June 2020. We are therefore preparing for a partial reopening of Pippins on 1st June, pending further announcements from the government and Department for Education (DfE).

We would like to reassure you that the safety and well-being of all our children and staff is our utmost priority. To that end, we are working hard to implement all the new protective measures laid out by the government for this next phase of our Covid response. The Pippins Preschool that reopens on 1st June won't be exactly the same as the one you remember from March. The number of children per session will be significantly reduced. Toys and activities will be offered based on both their educational value, and also on their ability to comply with infection control requirements and promote social distancing. Children will be guided through frequent and thorough hand washing, and all hygiene activities will receive a greater degree of supervision. The preschool will be receiving frequent and thorough cleaning, both before a session and throughout the day while your child attends.

Despite these measures, we would like to reassure you that some things have not changed. We still have the same incredibly talented and dedicated staff that are excited to welcome your children back. We will still play silly games, read stories, promote learning and development, and comfort bumps and bruises when necessary. Your children will still have access to our playroom, our fabulous back garden (now that the winter weather has dried out!), and a wide variety of engaging, stimulating activities. They will still have the opportunity to interact with their friends, develop new skills and interests, and conquer new challenges.

In order to plan what our new provision will look like going forward, we need to know how many children we can expect to return to Pippins. To that end, please follow the link below and fill out the parent survey. The survey will provide you with some more information on what you can expect from 1st June at Pippins, followed by a quick question to clarify your intentions for your child going forward. Please respond to this survey by the end of this **FRIDAY, 15th MAY @3pm**. If we do not receive a response from you, we will not allocate a place for your child at Pippins during this next phase of our Covid response.

Pippins Re-opening Parent Survey: to be completed by Friday, 15th May:

<https://forms.gle/H7tK1bBjHASKRWtr6>

Thank you for bearing with us through all of the changes over the past months. Please know that we are currently working hard on our plan for reopening and we will be in touch with further details in due course. We will look forward to seeing you and your child again soon!

Best wishes,

Mandy & The Management Committee

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