



Keeping our Little Lambs safe during the Coronavirus pandemic

The safety and welfare of all children is of paramount importance to us here at Little Lambs and in order to ensure maximum safety during these unprecedented times we have made several changes to our practice, many of which involve you as parents and carers. Here is just a summary of the key changes we have put into place to protect your little ones.

- Additional sanitising stations have been installed; we already had them in all the rooms but we have now added them to the outside area and entrance hall and we ask all parents, visitors, staff and children to sanitise before they enter the nursery grounds and when they leave. We encourage regular handwashing throughout the day and our children are now all handwashing experts!
- We have created three different entry and exit points within the nursery so that no children or staff need to mix at any time. Staffing is organised so that there is never a need for staff to go into other rooms.
- Due to the increased risk in Greater Manchester and the high number of cases parents were reporting, we are now asking all parents and carers to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting their child. Staff will wear a clear visor when speaking with parents but this is removed for our interactions with the children.
- Parents and visitors are unfortunately not permitted to enter the nursery during operating hours. We are sharing all the information about your child via EY Log and encourage parents to message and communicate through their parent app. We will share next steps, activities, strengths and any areas for development through this. We are also sharing lots of activities and support through Facebook too.
- We have introduced staggered pick up and collection points for parents to avoid too many parents coming together at the same time.
- We have had to suspend all pre-admission home visits. Instead, we ask that you return your admissions pack to us and your child's key worker will

either ring you or zoom call you. They will also send a video on EY Log that you can share with your child so they know who will be caring for them.

- New admission transition visits are still taking place but sadly we cannot invite parents and carers into the setting. Instead, we are starting the visits outside until the child feels comfortable in leaving parents/ carers.
- We have temporarily reduced our enrichment opportunities that involve visitors and trips out. We are aware that this limits our opportunities so we are making up for this in other ways with lots of outdoor play and we have been implementing the sessions that would normally be delivered in nursery ourselves so that the children aren't missing out.
- We are, of course, doing lots of other things too on an everyday basis like implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, removing self- serving stations, regular handwashing, steam cleaning soft surfaces and all staff are kept up to date with the latest Covid training and guidance.

If you would like any further information about the safety measures that have been put into place then please do get in touch and we can share our comprehensive risk assessment with you.

Please stay safe
The Little Lambs Team