

Dear Parents,

As salamaleykumWaRahamtullahWaBarakatuhu

RE: INFORMATION OF RE-OPENING AND HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

May you receive this e-mail in the best of health and Emaan. Ramadan has finished so fast. We all hope you have had a lovely Eid even during these challenging times. Now it is time to move forward to our children's education and we are looking forward to seeing our children very soon inshallah.

DAY OF RE-OPENING

We are planning to open our doors to our **3 and 4 year old** children at Al-Emaan Nursery from the **1st June 2020.2 year olds will be arriving at a later date** inshallah. We are expecting to welcome **all children by the 4th July** inshallah. We will be re-opening with some changes, as per government guidelines. This will involve a number of health and safety measures. It is important that you respect these measures.

CHANGES IN ARRANGEMENT OF KEYGROUPS

Within the nursery, we will be requiring children to remain within their keygroups, and they will not be able to interact with other children from other groups in the nursery as we are following government guidelines in respect to Early Years settings. Children will always remain with the same keyworker. Unlike schools, the government doesn't expect very young children to follow social distancing rules. We therefore treat each keygroup like a family household (as we have experienced during lockdown), which we call a 'bubble' and each 'bubble' cannot interact with another 'bubble'.

NURSERY ARRIVAL AND DROP OFF

Upon arrival of the nursery to drop your child off, you must stay two metres apart from other parents. Markings will be on the floor to mark social distancing. You will be dropping your child outside the nursery at a sign-in point in the garden. Ensure your child comes in with **freshly washed clothes every day**. Children will be escorted into the building by a member of staff and no parent is allowed to enter the building due to infection control. When children arrive, they will wash their hands thoroughly before entering the main room, and wash hands/use hand gel regularly throughout the session. During pick-up session, a member of staff will escort your child to you in the garden.

USE OF AREAS AND RESOURCES

Children will remain in their designated area throughout their stay within the room. Please be assured that children have ample space to play around and feel safe and comfortable. Before each session, the area will be thoroughly cleaned and windows will remain open for continuous airflow. Children do not share toys across different 'bubbles'/keygroups. Some

toys will be alternated or even removed, such as cuddly toys. If play dough is used, each child will have their own pot that they cannot share with anyone else. Keyworkers have their own set of stationary and resources that are not shared with any other group and disinfected daily. If water play takes place, the water will, again, only be used by one group and discarded as soon as the session is over. Children **cannot take work home straight away** and will have to be sent home at a later time to ensure any possibility of any virus spreading. We have **expanded our outdoor** area so children can spread out more and play safely. The outdoor area will also be disinfected after each session.

ROUTINE

We continue to say our duas at snack times, when entering the toilets and going into the garden for Allah to protect them. We have also changed our daily routine so key groups have snacks, circle time and outdoor play at within their own 'bubble'. The further change of our routine is that the **afternoon session** has now changed to the times of **12:15 to 3.15**. This is giving us half an hour to disinfect the setting between the sessions. Many parents have also requested this in the past as older siblings finish their school time at Greet Primary School at 3.30pm.

NAPPIES

We strongly recommend that you potty-train your children due to the infection risk within the nursery and the safety of our staff and children. Please ensure your child, if still in nappies, comes in a fresh nappy. If your child soils (poo) his/her nappy, we temporarily have to request that your child is collected from nursery due to a possible higher risk to infection to staff and other children.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS and VULNERABLE PEOPLE

If your child or any member of the family has symptoms of COVID-19 (persistent cough or temperature), your child will be sent home immediately and will have to follow self-isolation rules.

We are taking all precautionary measures possible within our setting to keep our children, staff and families safe. There is always a risk that someone can catch Covid-19. Children as well as adults can carry the virus without any symptoms and spread it. If you have a vulnerable family member at home, take this information into consideration when sending your child. Please consult the government website for vulnerable groups <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>. **If you decide not to send your child, please let us know as soon as possible.**

STAYING POSITIVE

Please bare in mind that children are of a very low risk and either have no symptoms or very mild ones. Our staff have all taken COVID-19 training and will ensure that children are welcomed warmly and feel happy and safe whilst following the Early Years curriculum. We are looking forward to seeing all our children and are very excited to see you all again. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please read this letter carefully and reply to this e-mail that you have understood and agreed to these changes.

JazakallahKhayr for being so patient during these difficult times.

Waaleykum as salamWaRahmatullah

Al Emaan Nursery

I (name of parent/guardian) _____, child of _____ acknowledge the receipt of this e-mail and I have understood and agree to the changes within Al-Emaan Nursery.