

# Cotton Tails Nurseries



**Happy Days**



**Cotton Tails**



**Cotton Tails Too**



**Cotton Tails at Hagley**



Cotton Tails and Cotton Tails at Hagley will remain open and introduce more children back into the setting as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

Happy Days and Cotton Tails Too will REOPEN from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Parent's Guide

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# Welcome Back

We hope you and your families are well. During the last 8 weeks two of our settings have remained open for key worker and vulnerable children and we are going to re-open all four settings fully on the 1st of June for families who wish to send their children back to us at this current time.

We need to be honest with you and state that we are unable to socially distance, the Government guidance available to us acknowledges that and advises on other precautionary steps we can take. The Early Years guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

There are still many unknowns in relation to this pandemic, and I am not sure that we will have answers anytime soon so we can only offer a service and allow you to make your own decision on what you do with your child for your individual circumstances. We do not think we can make a decision on your behalf when it comes to something as precious as your children.

We currently have some staff willing to be at work regardless of the risks to them which puts us in position to re-open but with restrictions in place. We therefore request you to carefully read, understand and adhere to this guidance.

Despite every effort on our behalf to ensure that our children and staff are safe, every child in the setting will be admitted with the understanding that parents have understood the risks that are involved and they are aware and agree to adhere to our safety guidelines. Should we feel that parents are not adhering to the guidelines or proving to come across difficult and challenging then under the current circumstances we will have to ask them to take their children away until situations change. **Patience, tolerance, and flexibility is key for the safety of everyone in these difficult circumstances.**

# Our Safety Measures

## 1

### Drop off & collection

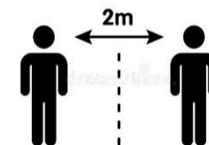
We will continue with drop off and pick-ups at the main door, to reduce the amount of traffic through the building. Staff will be designated to this each morning and evening, to welcome and reassure the children. This will be continually assessed, if the entrance and collection times become too busy, we will allocate different doors and advise you on this.

## 2

### Parent social distancing

Parents will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule outside the nursery keeping 2 metres apart. If another family are at the door handing over or collecting their child, please keep a distance and wait for the area to be free.

Parents will not be permitted to gather outside the nursery.



# Our Safety Measures

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### On arrival

Hand sanitiser is provided for parents to use when bringing your child to the door and once children are dropped off they will be expected to wash their hands with a member of staff before starting their day.



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### Cleaning

All four nurseries have carried out a deep clean before the wider reopening on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, thereafter we will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the day to minimise the risk of any germs spreading. We will regularly wipe over surfaces, door handles etc and toys will continue to get miltoned on a regular basis.



# Our Safety Measures

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### Hand washing

We will ensure all children and staff are washing their hands for at least 20 seconds throughout the day particularly on arrival, after sneezing/coughing, when coming in from outside, before and after snack/mealtimes and when using the bathroom.



## 6

### PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

The children and staff will not be required to wear facemasks in the setting. However, the nursery has ensured enough supplies of PPE are stored. Disposable gloves and aprons are worn as part of our practice during mealtimes and nappy changing and we will continue to do so. If we need PPE such as in the case of a child falling unwell whilst on site, we have supplies.

# Our Safety Measures

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### Children's Belongings

Please bring minimal belongings to nursery with essential things in. A bag with changes of clothes, sunhat, sun cream and comforters if needed. If older children can carry their bag on their back that will be helpful and less contact for the staff. At the end of the week all bags will be sent home.



## 8

### Becoming Unwell

We are adhering to the government guidelines if a child or member of staff become ill. Please see our 'Illness and Infection Policy' for full details.

-Key points-

- \*Temperatures above **37.8** children will be sent home
- \*New consistent cough children will be sent home

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## Parent Communication

Handovers from staff will continue face to face from a 2m distance when you collect your child from the collection point.

We will continue to communicate via our website, Facebook, Tapestry and emails.

Working staff are also available to take calls if you need to talk about your child.

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## Activities

We will still provide a fun learning experience at nursery but have limited some access to activities such as sand play, messy trays etc.

We will use the outdoor space as much as possible and provide a range of fun activities outside in line with our 'sun safe policy'.

