

TOTS 'R' Us Nursery



Reopening of Nursery
after Covid-19 closure

Information for Parents and Carers



Phase One – 18 June 2020*

Phase Two – 29 June 2020*

Phase Three – 6 July 2020*



* Subject to staffing and Government guidance that state it continues to be safe to do so.

Welcome to Tots 'R' Nursery

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their support during this difficult time.

Following recent guidance from the Department for Education, we have continued to prepare for reopening the Nursery, ensuring that the safety and welfare of our children and staff is at the heart of our decision making.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you when we introduce our phased return commencing Thursday 18 June. This will entail prioritising certain children, as recommended by the Department for Education (DfE), and provided that Government guidance continues to confirm that it is safe to do so.

We have made some changes to our sessions, taking small steps to ensure that we get it right, before moving on to a Second and Third Phase and introducing more children. We aim to provide the opportunity for as many of our children as possible to return to Nursery.

Our sessions from 18 June will run each morning from 9am to 11am. We will facilitate afternoon session during Phase Three, if we have more parents/carers who wish their child to return. Phase Three will be our final phase, before the end of the summer term.

We understand that many parents and carers may feel anxious about their child returning to Nursery. Below you will find more information about how the Nursery day will be organised, to enable you to make an informed decision about whether you would like your child to return to Nursery. Parents/carers will be contacted when a place becomes available. Please do not turn up, unless invited.

We request you carefully read and adhere to this guidance. Our full policy is available on our website at www.totsruseastlea.co.uk

Thank you

Our Safety Measures



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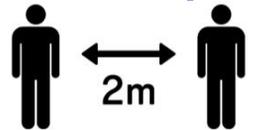
Drop off and Pick ups

We will be staggering drop off and pick up times to ensure social distancing is maintained, and so that not all children enter and leave at the same time. You will be notified of your start time. Please prepare your child for their return to Nursery so they are ready to come in by themselves. All children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult. Please ensure that only one adult drops off or picks up each child.

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Parent/Carer Queue

A system is in place for all adults and children coming on to the Nursery/Centre site. This is clearly signposted with arrows, rainbows and social distancing posters. Parents/carers will be expected to adhere to the social distancing rule at all times by keeping two metres apart.



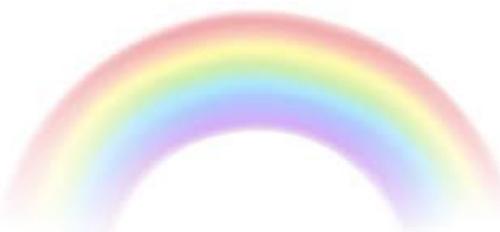
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Cleaning

The Nursery has undergone a deep clean and has been decorated ready for children to return on Thursday 18 June. Thereafter, we will be undertaking regular cleaning procedures throughout the day to minimise the risk of any germs spreading.



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Transport

Parents/carers are requested to avoid using public transport where possible. We advise you to come by car or walking. If your only option is to use public transport, then you will be required to adhere to the social distancing rules, ensuring that you remain two metres away from others. Please use our car park responsibly and maintain social distancing.

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Hand Washing

We will ensure children and staff are washing their hands regularly for at least 20 seconds throughout the day, particularly:

- When coming into Nursery
- After sneezing or coughing
- Before and after handling or eating food
- After going to the toilet

We will also be placing hand sanitisers in all communal areas for the staff.

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The Environment

We will provide care and education in two small 'bubbles' with a maximum of 5 children per bubble. We have named our bubbles, Caterpillars and Butterflies. We aim to keep each bubble consistent with the same staff and children throughout the sessions. We will support children in age appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe. We will be aware of children's attachments and their need for emotional support at this time.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The children and staff will not be required to wear additional PPE in the Nursery. However, the Nursery has supplies of PPE stored, such as; disposable gloves, aprons and face masks/shields, should we need them in the event of a child falling unwell whilst in Nursery. PPE equipment will continue to be used for normal routines.

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Children that become Unwell

If you or anyone residing in your home becomes unwell with a continuous cough, temperature or loss of taste and/or smell, then the whole family will need to isolate in line with Government guidance. If any child becomes unwell in the Nursery, with the above symptoms, they will be sent home. The child will be isolated, accompanied by a member of staff and away from others, until collected by an adult.

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Stay at Home

If a child or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, it is advised they only attend the Nursery, if stringent social distancing can be adhered to. This may not be possible for very young children. In these cases, staff and the parents/carers of children are advised not to attend the Nursery.

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Parent/Carer & Staff Communication

Face to face communication between staff and parents/carers will be minimal. Communication will continue via our closed Facebook page, email and by telephone.

Visitors and Meetings

Non essential visitors will not be allowed on site until further notice. All meetings with the Nursery Manager and Key Persons must be held via a phone call, email or closed Facebook.

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Clothing

Please ensure hygiene is maintained and that children come in with fresh, clean clothes daily.

Buggies and Ride-Ons

Buggies and Ride-Ons will not be permitted to be left at the Nursery until further notice. Parents/carers bringing children in buggies will need to take the buggies home after dropping the children off.

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Bags and Toys

Children will not be permitted to bring items from home into the Nursery unless absolutely essential for their wellbeing. Anything that is brought in from home should remain in the child's bag. The bag should be clearly labelled, with a change of clothing if needed. If children need to be changed, their clothes will be replaced in their bags.



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Snacks

We will continue to provide a light snack and water for children attending the Nursery. Each child will have their own cup and plate to use. We will endeavour to promote and maintain; social distancing, and health and hygiene at all times.

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Helpful Links

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>