



25th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Revised Arrangements for Starting Nursery

When we made the arrangements for our new Nursery children to start school in September, we had hoped that everything would have returned to normal following the pandemic that impacted on us all so significantly. Since then, we have received the government's guidance on the re-opening of schools from September. Whilst restrictions have eased and all children are able to return to school, there are still lots of expectations relating to social distancing, grouping of children into bubbles and the limiting of visitors to site. This has meant that some of our plans have had to change.

The main changes we have had to make are as follows:

- Requesting the information from parents and carers before the end of term has meant that the registration days we usually rely so heavily on are no longer needed. We are therefore cancelling these meetings and will start to introduce children to the setting in small groups on these days instead.
- Instead of children attending for one hour slots during the week beginning Monday 7th September, we are now inviting children in small groups to attend for two full morning or afternoon sessions before starting Nursery every day from Tuesday 15th September. Whilst not ideal, this arrangement provides time and space for your child to get to know us without increasing the number of visitors to the Nursery to unmanageable numbers.

Your child has been placed in Group C and is welcome to attend for the whole session on Wednesday 9th September and Monday 14th September. Please attend either the morning or afternoon slot, as you have been previously allocated.

Your child starts Nursery every day from Tuesday 15th September.

Children with full time Nursery places stay all day from Tuesday 15th September

- A maximum of two parents will be allowed into the Nursery building at any one time to help settle any child who need this level of support. Parents may also be asked to remain in the Nursery outdoor area to help settle their child. Where possible, parents will be encouraged to leave their child as soon as they can; staff will call parents/carers if a child needs to be collected early.
- We have introduced a staggered start and finish to the school day and are asking parents to strictly adhere to these times, with just one adult dropping off and collecting children from the Nursery.

In the mornings, you can drop your child off between **8.30am and 9.00am** and collect him/her between **11.00 and 11.30am**

In the afternoons, you can drop your child off between **12.20pm and 12.50pm** and collect him/her between **2.50pm and 3.20pm**

If you have no other children attending the school, we ask that you arrive and collect your child within the first 15 minutes of these time frames, with parents who have children in other parts of the school dropping off and collecting in the second 15 minutes. There will be no waiting permitted, so please ensure you do not turn up any earlier than the designated times.

- Schools must limit the amount of equipment coming to and from school each day. On the first day, your child should only bring with them their coat, a water bottle and a change of clothes in a plastic bag to put on their peg.
- If your child has a full time Nursery place, please ensure he/she has a packed lunch from Tuesday 15th September.

We have lots of other measures in place from September to keep our school community as safe as possible. Later this month, our risk assessment will be available for you to download from our website, giving you more details about these.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you and your child in September. In the meantime, if you have an urgent question or concern, please contact support@elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Harris

Headteacher