

## The reopening of Inside out Forest School - Protective measures we are taking in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a leaflet to tell you all about the arrangements we have made to open back up to the public.

From the week beginning 29th June, we will welcome back all children to our Forest school settings. However, some categories of children with specific serious health conditions should not attend. If you are unsure whether your child should attend the setting due to a health condition that they or someone they live with has, please contact us so we can discuss the details with you.

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting-the woods we operate in.

### Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- \* Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- \* Keeping our children in small groups (pods) with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting. The pods will be 5 children to 1 staff member.
- \* Each pod will have their own area to use for handwashing, focused tasks, snacks and lunchtime which will include hammocks and a shelter/bell tent.
- \* Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We will be making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- \* Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including the mud kitchen tools, play equipment and toilets.
- \* Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household. We may have to stagger pick up and drop off times, depending on numbers on the day.

### What can parents and carers do to help?

There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective, in addition to the points listed above concerning arrival and departure.

If your child, or someone in your household has coronavirus symptoms then you should not come to the setting.

If your child develops symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at Forest School then we will call you and you will need to immediately come and collect your child.

### Conclusion

I hope that this leaflet has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable children to return to us from 29th June. We are looking forward to welcoming your child[ren] back and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our setting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

### Esther Brock and Team

You can find our Risk Benefit Assessment on our website for your perusal.

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