

CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Issue	What we would like to achieve	How we need you to help
Preparing to return	Children are aware of changed circumstances but are not anxious Children look forward to Preschool!	Explain to your child that some things may be a little different, but staff (Ruth B, Eleanor, Fiona) are really looking forward to seeing them. Reinforce what you have already told them about Covid and the handwashing and other messages. It obviously remains vital that you continue to follow all the guidelines at home.
Drop-off and pickup	You will be given clear instructions by email about times and arrangements Staff will bring children to the entrance area for pickup and will give a brief update on the day's activities, however please use email and Tapestry regularly for any messages. Accident forms will be put on Tapestry and we ask for a comment in place of your signature. Please check regularly as staff will not be able to have the usual long chats at the gate for now.	We ask that only one adult brings each child to preschool school and wherever possible siblings do not enter the site – although we recognise this may not always be possible. All adults should operate social distancing when entering preschool premises. Please do not gather outside before and after drop off. After picking up, please leave the premises promptly; do not expect an extended chat with staff – they will have cleaning to do! Please be available on your phones – if your child starts to display symptoms (high temperature/continuous cough) we will need them to be collected as soon as possible. We also have plans for very windy weather that may need all parents to collect children.
Activities in preschool	Activities will be set up in the morning. Children will be free to choose. We are operating as a preschool 'bubble' with very limited numbers of children each day. Staff will not explicitly plan any hand holding/ring games but children will be allowed to play freely.	Children will not be encouraged to hug/cuddle/touch their friends but we will not actively discourage this. The guidance has made it clear that children of this age will not be able to understand social distancing and should not have to comply with it at preschool. We will attempt to make sure that any physical close contact is transitory and not prolonged, it will also be outdoors. If your child begins mixing with lots of friends and family outside preschool, the risk of them carrying the virus into preschool will be increased.
Clothing and bags	Minimal items move between home and preschool daily. Any items brought into preschool can be easily cleaned.	Provide outdoor and spare clothing that can remain in the porch at preschool. Do not allow your child to bring toys or items from home. See below for lunch arrangements
Snack	Usual snacks will be provided No sharing of cups or plates Children will be spaced out at tables	Please practice 'table manners' with your child and ensure they understand that sitting down while eating will be extremely important
Lunch	Cooked lunch (usual payment arrangements) will be provided by Broomhaugh First School. This is our preferred option for now.	You can help us by ordering a cooked dinner so we minimise the number of things needing to be brought into preschool. If your child does need to have a packed lunch, please consider using totally disposable wrapping. Failing this, a hard lunch box is preferred
Reading Books	Books will be available on a rota system and quarantined after use	Do not bring in books from home
Toilet hygiene	Children use toilet independently if possible Toilets are cleaned after each use Staff are safe when assisting	Reinforce that children must visit toilet individually, requesting help if needed, and waiting until cleaning is done after previous user. Talk about face masks and that preschool staff wont be wearing them but may have to at certain times.

<p>Handwashing and respiratory hygiene</p>	<p>Routine handwashing at beginning and end of day, before and after snack/lunch, after visiting toilet and at other times if needed Catch it – Bin it – Kill it strategy will be used</p>	<p>Ensure your child knows how to wash their hands properly If your child suffers from dry skin or you are concerned the extra washing may make hands sore, do send in a labelled hand cream. Encourage the use of tissue to catch any coughs and sneezes. If your child has had calpol or nurofen in the morning we ask that they do not attend that day. Do not send your child to preschool if they are at all unwell.</p>
<p>Cleaning</p>	<p>Regular cleaning by staff becomes routine Children will participate as appropriate</p>	<p>Tell your child that they may be asked to help with washing up of toys at playschool!</p>