**Orritor Nursery Unit Re-start arrangements for September 2020**

Having taken cognisance of the Minister’s comments and DE guidance issued late on Friday19th June, the pattern of attendance which can best meet all pupils equally will be as outlined below and in the accompanying tables:

*Please note that this has been drawn up under the DE Guidance of 19th June and with the children’s education and development in mind and what the school is physically able to provide given the present COVID19 restrictions and the 1m social distancing. Unfortunately it may not necessarily solve families’ childcare arrangements but may help in your planning.*

**CLASS ORGANISATION**

The Nursery class will have to according to Date of Birth into TWO manageable groups – A and B. These will have been sent with the Induction information.

The class will fall into a 2 week cycle of attendance, which will be reviewed regularly. Out of a possible 10 school days each pupil will be in attendance for 5.

(see accompanying attendance pattern)

**THE ‘NEW’ SCHOOL DAY**

The school day will commence at 9am (arrivals staggered until 9.15am) and teaching will finish at 11am for the first 2 weeks.

During weeks 3 and 4 the children will attend up until 12noon (staggered until 12.15pm) - no lunch will be available.

Beginning Week 5, Children can attend until 1.00pm (staggered from 12.50 until 1.10pm) – the last half hour will be for lunch. Children entitled to Free School Meals will be able to access a packed lunch from the school kitchen at 12.30pm. Others wishing to purchase a packed lunch from the School Meals Kitchen should be able to do so also. Parents may send in a packed lunch for their children if they wish.

*Note; Any parent not wishing to avail of a school packed lunch for their child, or of providing one themselves, may collect their child at 12.30 - this will assist with staggered leaving times and children will not miss any teaching time.*

**BEGINING AND END OF SCHOOL DAY**

In line with Government guidance, parents are NOT allowed to enter the school buildings at any time, except by appointment. No exceptions.

Parents should accompany their children to the front door of the NURSERY – observing Social distancing measures (2m markings are on the ground on the footpath and to the right of the front door).

At the ‘home time’ parents should wait outside the Nursery and wait to be called forward to collect their child. At all times, parents should maintain and be responsible for social distancing. It is impossible to pre-plan staggered arrival and departures at this stage, as many families will be arriving with children from different classes, therefore it is important for parents to take responsibility for social distancing at these times.

Remember - those pupils who do not wish to avail of school lunchtime from week 5 onwards may leave at 12.30pm). All children MUST be off the premises by 1.10pm at the very LATEST.

*Please do not leave it until after this time to arrive as it is breaking this guidance and is discourteous to the staff.*

We hope this plan will provide more clarity to you and allay any you may have had. It will be a basis on which to plan the coming months. More details will be issued when they are known. Please continue to monitor the school website – [www.orritorps.co.uk](http://www.orritorps.co.uk) –for all updates. We may also send information to you via the Home Learning platform.

We also recognise that things are constantly changing and that this plan may be defunct by the time September comes around – hopefully we will be back to the ‘normal’ attendance patterns and life can resume once again – but if that is the case you will be informed. In the meantime please enjoy the summer holidays and we’ll see everyone very soon.

K Wright

Principal

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| Class | Venue | Monday | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Week |
| Nursery | Nursery unit | Bank Hols | Group A | Group A | Group B | Group B | 1 |
|  |  | Group A | Group A | Group A | Group B | Group B | 2 |
|  |  | Group A | Group A | Group B | Group B | Group B | 3 |

**After week 3 the attendance pattern will follow a 2 week cycle starting with week 2**