

Sherpa Kids Eversley

Amendments to operations due to Covid 19

(to be read in conjunction with Parent Handbook)

We are pleased to be able confirm that Sherpa Kids is fully operational while schools are fully open during the school term.

The headline details of how things will work and where necessary they have had to change, are provided below.

We have carried out extensive risk assessments and have worked closely with the school to ensure that we are in compliance with not only their policies but also all government advice and guidelines. We are therefore confident that we are taking all practical steps to make sure that the children, staff and parents are safe during our hours of operation.

We have always attempted to meet the challenging needs of parents but, unfortunately, we have had to compromise on flexibility and pricing. We hope that you appreciate the reasons why and will co-operate fully.

We look forward to the time when we will be able to revert back to our established ways of working.

Groupings

Children will be kept in year-group bubbles throughout both Breakfast and After School Club sessions, with no mixing between groups.

Venue

Year-group bubbles will be accommodated in separate zones located in the infant hall (5 bubbles) and infant dining room junior hall (2 bubbles). Children from Reception are only able to attend after they have completed their full induction to the school.

Staffing

Staff will move between bubbles but they will always maintain a 2M social distance from the children (except in an emergency) and each other.

Play resources

Each bubble will be allocated a set of toys, games, art & craft equipment and books which will be for their exclusive use. From time to time play resources will be redistributed between the bubbles but only after they have been thoroughly disinfected.



Outdoor play

During afterschool club sessions each bubble will be taken outside to play in their own specific area. As with school breaks children will not be permitted to stay in while the rest of their bubble is outside.

Unfortunately, there will be no outdoor play available during the breakfast club session.

Food

Unfortunately, due to the logistics of having children in 7 separate bubbles it will not be possible to prepare, serve and clear away the usual breakfast in the mornings. However, we will offer a breakfast option of a pack of Belvita breakfast biscuits, a yogurt and a piece of fruit for a daily supplement of 60p (which you must book in advance). This will be provided to the children in their bubble groups.

Alternatively, you may provide your child with a healthy breakfast snack, **which MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS, confectionary or crisps and other similar snacks**. Staff will inspect snacks brought in and if they contain any of the above the child will no longer be permitted to bring their own food in.

Afternoon snacks will be prepared on site as usual and served to the children in their bubble groups.

Bookings

Bookings in place from last term will carry over to the new school year unless you provide 2 weeks' notice to cancel.

Ad'hoc sessions are still available where required.

Pricing

With the new operating requirements we have no alternative but to raise our prices for the period in which they apply.

Breakfast Club will increase by £1 to £5 per session for all, with a 60p supplement (making £5.60) for those who want the breakfast option. The breakfast option will need to be booked in advance.

After School club will increase by £1 to £9 for 5.00pm collection and also by £1 to £12 for 6.00pm collection.

Dropping-off at Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will open at 7.30am.

Parents are required to enter via the main gate and bring their children down to the infant hall where a member of our staff will meet you at the door and sign the children in. You must not let your children walk down alone as this a driveway that is used by school staff and contractors.

To avoid overcrowding at the infant hall doors we ask that you social distance and queue when appropriate. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building.

The main gate will be locked at 8.15am and so you need to have arrived before then. Late arrival will not be permitted entry to Breakfast Club for that day but charges will still apply.



At the end of their session, Children will be escorted to their classroom, in bubble year-groups, when their school day begins.

Collecting from After School Club

At the end of their school day, juniors will be brought to the infant hall by school staff and infants will be collected by Sherpa Kids staff. Children will spend the session in their year group bubbles.

No collection is possible until 4.30pm, after which time the main entrance gate will be opened and parents are free to walk down and collect their children at any time.

To avoid overcrowding at the infant hall doors we ask that you social distance and queue when appropriate. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building.

At 6.00pm the club will close. Late collection charges will be enforced as outlined in our parent handbook.

Risk assessments

We have put together a thorough set of risk assessments which will guide us through this challenging period. These are published in full on the school website for your perusal. If you have a concern about any area please contact us immediately.

Please note

We are confident that the measures that we will be taking will allow us to safeguard the children and ensure that they have an enjoyable experience before and after school. More than ever, with the children divided into numerous separate groups, our staff's focus must be on the care of the children and regrettably, parents who consistently come to drop-off or collect their children at times other than those specified will have their bookings suspended.

Although we have back-up resources upon which we can call if members of staff should fall ill, we have to remember that we are living in unprecedented times and it is not impossible to envisage a scenario whereby we would be unable to provide the staff that would allow us to operate safely. Under those unlikely, but not unforeseeable, circumstances, we would need to suspend our operations at very short notice.

If children are unable to observe the rules required under the new restrictions and thereby jeopardise the efforts of the school, of Sherpa Kids staff and of the other children to keep the whole group safe, then we will have no alternative but to exclude them from the club.

