

# The Kingfisher Day Nursery Donisthorpe

**We have continued to stay open throughout the pandemic and welcome new children in that were requiring care.**

We have made the most of the weather that has been fantastic, the fresh air alone has made us feel safer.

Within the setting cleaning has been our top priority. Everything has been wiped/washed or sprayed regularly throughout the day. We prop doors open and minimise touching as much as possible. We have changed the menu from a 3 week to 2 week rotation and simplified it slightly to make it easier but still ensure a good healthy variety.

In June, when we reopened to all children, we sent out detailed information regarding our risk assessment and the measures we were putting into place. We put hand sanitiser on the front door and marked lines where parents should stand to socially distance. When we welcomed children in, we went straight to wash our hands and the children have done so well with learning these new routines.

We have continued to offer prospective parents show rounds, but these have been out of hours or whilst the children were outside. We have an open day planned where we have asked parents to book time slots so that we can make sure there is only one family in attendance at any one time.

Parents are dropping off their children at the door, so we are sharing photos of their children happy in the nursery busy with their activities, so they still feel included in what their child is doing when at nursery. We use our Facebook page to keep in touch with families at home and to showcase what we are getting up to and share ideas of what parents could do at home with their children.

Social stories and family photo books have helped new and returning children to settle into the setting after a long time away. We take time to speak to parents who just need to chat and to get some reassurance.

The majority of children have returned and settled back to nursery like they haven't been away. I think this is due to the amazing staff team and the relationships they have with families, the effort we have made to keep in touch with everyone and the fact that children genuinely enjoy coming to nursery.

We were overwhelmed with the level of support and interaction we received back from everyone.

