

Kids Fantasy Nursery Group Reopening Policies and Guidelines

Kids Fantasy Nursery's framework for the reopening of nursery is based ensuring the safest possible environment – but one that is also mindful of the fact that our school have a mission to educate and to support everyone involved in this mission holistically.

Considering the precautionary measures taken by the UAE government, under the ADEK policies, and social distancing guidelines, we are happy to announce that the school will reopen for all the students on 4th October 2020. The points below are taken into consideration in preparing the resumption of operations for the academic year 2020-2021.

KFNG has established a COVID-19 Taskforce composed of the Response Team as well as relevant positions and groups within the nursery (Managers, Teachers and staff, parents etc.).

The nursery's COVID-19 Taskforce will ensure the following is completed prior to reopening and the school hours (detailed requirements are available in the relevant sections below):

- Conduct a general Risk Assessments
- Cleaning and Disinfection of the premises
- Map circulation routes
- Placement of signs, demarcations, off-limit areas
- Installation of safety equipment and ensuring stockage of materials
- Preparations of all spaces according to the protocol required for the intended activity to be held
- Verify that all staff have undergone COVID-19 Testing
- We understand that starting the new school year might make your children feel nervous or reluctant to return to nursery.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN DURING THIS PHASE:

Important Note

- Please ensure that you are present in the UAE, at least 14 days prior to your children's school reopening date to comply with any health and travel set by the government requirements.
- Speak to your children about COVID-19 and let them know that it's natural to feel anxious or nervous about returning back to school.
- Have an open conversation about their anxieties and fears about returning to school and reassure them about safety measures and precautions the schools will have in place to keep everyone healthy.
- Be honest about the changes that they will see at school, such as the need to wear masks for teachers and staff, inability to be close to their friends and teachers.
- Explain to your children that it is important to wear a mask for teachers and staff, maintaining social distancing, and sanitizing hands.

- Continuously check in with your children to evaluate their well-being when school begins.
- Nursery will provide distance learning for children who have a medical reason for not being physically present on class. If your child has a high-risk health condition, he/she may continue distance learning by submitting a medical certificate to the school. Contact your nursery for details.
- We may request you to provide a medical clearance if your child is absent for a prolonged period.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Kids Fantasy Nursery Group will resume 50% school operations where kids will return to nursery at a lower capacity.

Children Grouping

Based Kids Fantasy Nursery's own context and staffing model, the school will consider grouping teachers and children in the form of "BUBBLES."

- "BUBBLES" refer to group of children that spend the entire nursery day together, and do not interact with other children and staff during this period. This strategy is particularly useful for reducing the risk of cross transmission of the virus between young children who have difficulty practicing social distancing .

Attendance

A child will be marked absent if they fail to attend the class for the day.

An absence is only authorized for the following reasons, confirmed by a signed letter from Parents/Guardians or by the way of official documents to attest for the full duration of the absence:

- Illness
- Death of the first- or second-degree family member
- Scheduled doctor appointments
- Official community task
- Mandatory appearance before an official body
- Essential urgent family travel or matters such as medicals treatment or the death of a family member.

Transportation

- There will be no bus system for children. Parent /Guardian will transport their children to the nursery and take their child during dismissal.
- Buses are not being used as they do not comply with early learning physical/social distancing and bubble guidelines .

HEALTH AND HYGIENE ARRANGEMENTS

- Nursery will carry out a general cleaning and disinfection for three times during the nursery-working hours.
- Nursery will provide hand washing or hand sanitizing stations in key locations around the nursery premises.
- All classrooms will have sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer and covered bins to maintain proper hygiene.
- High-contact surfaces such as light switches, handrails, doorknobs, toilet seats etc. will be cleaned and disinfected every hour.
- Toilets will be cleaned and disinfected after every time used.
- Registered Nursery Nurse will be present on the nursery premises during the nursery- working hours who will record any child who experience a sudden onset of COVID-19 symptom and isolate the child in the isolation room until the Parent/Guardian arrives.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- It is MANDATORY for every child has to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test before returning to school and share the report with the school.
- Nursery children do not have to wear a mask as directed by ADEK
- It is mandated to inform you in case your child may have been exposed to a patient of COVID-19 while at nursery.
- KFNG strongly advise the parents to check their children's temperatures and screen for symptoms before leaving the house. Children who exhibit symptoms or who are feeling generally unwell are encouraged to stay home.
- Children experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must only return to the nursery after receiving approval from a doctor (doctor report) and a negative COVID-19 test result.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Parents/Guardian and staff will be expected to stay 1.5m apart at all times even during "drop off" time and "pick up" time.
- Children are to be grouped into "bubbles of up to 10 individuals."

ENTERING AND EXITING THE NURSERY

- Non-contact temperature screening will take place before entering the nursery.

KFNG has a set of criteria for authorized entry into the nursery premises, with the objective of limiting entry to essential persons only. Authorized persons must meet the health requirements for entry and follow the relevant entry/exit protocol. Authorized persons include:

- Enrolled Children (Parents/Guardian during and “drop off” and “pick up” time only)
- School staff

Unauthorized persons are prohibited from entering the nursery school premises, they must be identified and informed by the nursery accordingly. Unauthorized persons include (unless there’s an appointment or an emergency)

- Parents/guardians
- Unenrolled siblings of students
- Parents will not be allowed on the nursery premises, unless they are supporting a children of Determination with a valid result of COVID-19, following proper social distancing and escorting them to the class. Only one parent/guardian can accompany children outside the entrance to the school. If you accompany your child as they stand in the queue, you must wear a mask.(visitor’s log will be filled out)
- KFNG has 1 access points/gate/door which will be designated as either an entry or an exit point. In order to avoid large queues and crowding the nursery has opted for staggered entry and exit points .
- Parents will be allowed to remain in the designated waiting area to pick up your child for a maximum of 10 minutes. During this period, you will be required to maintain a 1.5m distance from other people.
- We have guidelines that only 1 parent to drop off and pick up children. (Refer to the policy attached)

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL

- They will immediately be moved to the Isolation Room, where they will be monitored by a School Nurse.
- Parent/Guardian will be contacted immediately to retrieve your child from the nursery.
- The nursery shall not administer any medicines to your child.
- The school will inform you about the nearest hospital and COVID-19 testing center.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, you are mandated to inform the nursery so that they can take measures to secure the health of other children and staff who may have been exposed to the virus.
- Information about your child will not be shared with anyone other than the relevant government authorities.

OPTIMIZING NURSERY FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES

- Classrooms will be configured to maintain a 1.5m distance between children, and children will be assigned fixed seats for the term.
- Non-essential furniture will be stowed away.
- The nursery will minimize sharing of items such as toys and educational equipment.
- Parents must provide all the required items needed (labeled) for their child, to be used in the school. (Refer to the checklist attached)

Recreation, Lunch and Meal Times

- For the initial period after reopening, playground equipment like swings and slides will be used by one bubble per day, other bubbles can use after 24 hours after disinfecting and cleaning to reduce chances of cross-contamination.
- We strongly encourage you to provide your child with enough healthy packed lunch that is not to be reheated.
- For Babies, parents must prepare a set of milk bottles for the entire day. No sterilization of feeding bottles on sight.
- Please send enough drinking water as no water cooler will be available at nursery.

Sleeping/Nap Time

- Parents are encouraged to bring 3 sets of beddings to the nursery.

Sports and Cultural Activities

- Physical education at nursery is suspended until further notice. Virtual activities may be provided.
- KFNG has reduced the number of cultural activities that they offer, such as music, art and performing arts classes.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION

- KFNG will stay in close contact with you after reopening. This may mean weekly newsletters, text-message updates or emails

We trust that the information we have provided you in this document supports your understanding on how we collectively planned to prepare for the nursery's reopening. We request you to support and follow the above mentioned for the safety of your child and our staff.