## **How do we support children?**

Nursery Plus promotes the inclusion of all children. We support children with a variety of needs including:

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| **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**   * Confidence and self-esteem * Play skills and friendship * Accepting boundaries * Emotional wellbeing | **Communication and Language**   * Developing attention and listening skills * Understanding language * Expressing their thoughts, ideas, wants and needs | **Physical Development**   * Fine and Gross Motor skills * Coordination and sensory needs |

We are also able to work in partnership with other agencies and professionals.

## **How does Nursery Plus work?**

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Early Years settings refer children for support to Nursery Plus. If your child receives a place we will:

* Visit weekly or fortnightly whenever possible during term time to support your child. If it is not possible to visit the setting due to COVID 19 restrictions, we can offer remote support and advice
* Set up a contact book/support plan to share information with you and the setting, this maybe in paper format or electronic
* Plan activities and suggest strategies to support your child
* Identify targets to support your child’s development
* Monitor progress
* Support the setting to access additional services where required
* Support transition into school where appropriate
* Ensure you are fully informed of our work with your child

**How can you help?**

All children are individuals and you know your child better than anyone. Your role in your child’s learning and development is vital and we aim to work in partnership with you.

Although our support focuses on the child in setting, you can help us by sharing information about your child through:

* Virtual meetings, emails or phone calls
* Entries in the contact book (paper or electronic) – it is great to hear how your child is doing at home

How will Nursery Plus work to reduce the risk of spreading COVID 19?

We understand the anxiety parents may feel about outside professionals engaging with your child in setting. We have taken great care to consider and reduce the risks by:

* Following COVID19 secure practices and government guidelines
* Following the settings and Nursery Plus risk assessment guidelines (Nursery Plus risk assessment can be found here – http://www.wilcombe-pri.devon.sch.uk/other-wilcombe-team-members/
* Visiting only one setting per day in order to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus [[1]](#footnote-1)
* Washing hands on arrival and departure, and at key points during the session
* Arriving and leaving settings before or after the general start/end of sessions to reduce contact with others
* Carrying hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes on visits
* Ensuring that any resources brought in from the outside are cleaned thoroughly and are not accessed for 48 hours (72 hours for plastic) between usage
* Maintaining social distancing, where this is possible without compromising the support and learning of children
* Adhering to the Track and Trace System

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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1. During the second lockdown until 2.12.2020 at least, each member of staff will be part of no more than two bubbles (eg visit a maximum of two settings on outreach support) across the week.

   For in-reach support generally, one member of staff will be allocated to work purely in the FSU at Wilcombe and *not* visit any other pre-schools for outreach support. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)