

Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Policy & Procedure



This document sets out our policies and procedures for control of Covid-19 within the setting. It has been prepared using government guidance as published on 24th May 2020.

Drop Off/ Collection

- Parents will be asked to drop off and collect their children at the door or the front of the reception area for children who may be feeling anxious about returning to nursery after having time off.
- We have set up a waiting system with 2 meter markers in the car park. Please use these to ensure the social distancing rules are being adhered to.
- If you would like to speak to a member of management, then you are safe to do so in the reception area. We have a screen up for your protection.
- All children will have their hands washed on entry to the rooms by a member of staff.
- We have antibacterial hand gel in the reception area if parent wishes to use on collection.

Please allow extra time for pickups and drop offs as we are operating a one in one out procedure.

At times where there are queues for collection, parents can request a call from their child's key worker or if it is more convenient, we can send a message through the nursery ParentMail app with information about their day.

Protective Measures

Unlike with older children and adults, nursery aged children cannot be expected to remain 2 meters apart from each other and staff. We are therefore, working through a hierarchy of measures set out in the government's protective guidance.

- Parents and children who have symptoms, or are living with someone who has symptoms, must stay at home for 14 days. Symptoms include a high temperature (37.8°C or higher), a new, continuous cough; and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- Practitioners with symptoms, or who live with someone who is showing symptoms will not attend the nursery for 14 days. If a Practitioner is tested positive for coronavirus then all the parents in their room will be notified and will be advised to self-isolate as a precautionary measure.
- Anyone showing symptoms whilst at the setting will be sent home immediately, a facemask, apron and gloves will be worn by the practitioner attending to a child displaying symptoms.

- The children will frequently wash their hands with soap and water. This will include handwashing upon entering the setting, throughout the day, before and after eating and when they leave the setting.
- Regular cleaning of settings including surfaces, toys, books, doors, sinks, toilets and light switches etc. using disinfectant throughout the day and at the end of the day.
- Minimising contact with children and practitioners from other rooms by not swapping practitioners and having separate areas of the garden for each age range to play.

We ask that children avoid bringing toys from home where possible, if a child comes with one, we will ask them to keep it in their bags in the corridor. If the item is essential practitioners will endeavour to clean it on arrival and take it from the child when settled and distracted.

We are asking that drinks bottles should not be brought from home, if a child comes with one we will ask them to keep it in their bag in the corridor to ensure we can manage the use of cups, sterilising of lids and avoid the risk of spreading any infection.

If any of our families have any further suggestions, questions or concerns relating our control measures to protect against COVID-19, please contact us at your convenience.

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Coronavirus Test Results

The government is encouraging all families to get tested if they display any of the symptoms of coronavirus. This information is about the swab test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). You can get a test:

- for yourself, if you have coronavirus symptoms now (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- for someone you live with, if they have coronavirus symptoms
- for yourself, if you have been told to have a test before you go into hospital, for example, for surgery

You can visit a test centre or order online at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

Once you've had a test. You'll get a text or email when your result is ready.

If you went to a test site for your test, it can take up to 48 hours to get your result. It may take up to 72 hours for a home test.

There are 3 types of result you can get:

- Negative

- Positive
- unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive

If you do not get your result, call the coronavirus testing contact centre on 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or 0300 303 2713 (Scotland). The contact centre is open from 7am to 11pm.

Stay at home

If you had a test because you had symptoms, you and anyone you live with must stay at home and self-isolate until you get your result.

Anyone in your support bubble must also self-isolate until you get your result.

Negative test result

A negative result means the test did not find coronavirus.

You do not need to self-isolate if your test is negative, as long as:

- everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- you were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace
- you feel well – if you feel unwell, stay at home until you're feeling better

If you have diarrhoea or you're being sick, stay at home until 48 hours after they've stopped.

If you're a health or care worker, check with your employer before going back to work.

Positive test result

A positive result means you had coronavirus when the test was done.

If your test is positive, you must self-isolate.

If you had a test because you had symptoms, keep self-isolating for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started.

If you had a test but have not had symptoms, self-isolate for 7 days from when you had the test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must self-isolate for 14 days from when you start self-isolating.

In England, you'll get an email, text or call from the NHS Test and Trace service if you test positive after having symptoms.

You'll be asked where you've been recently and who you've been in close contact with.

Unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive test result

An unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive result means it's not possible to say if you had coronavirus when the test was done.

Get another coronavirus test as soon as possible if this happens.

If you had a test because you had symptoms, you must keep self-isolating and have another test within 5 days of your symptoms starting.

If you're not able to have another test in time, you must self-isolate for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must self-isolate for 14 days.

If you had a test but have not had any symptoms, you do not need to self-isolate while you wait to get another test. People you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, do not need to self-isolate.

NHS Test and Trace: if you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus.

Follow this advice if you're told by the NHS Test and Trace service that you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus (COVID-19).

Stay at home for 14 days

If you're told you've been in contact with a person who has coronavirus:

- stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear
- do not leave your home for any reason – if you need food or medicine, order it online or by phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for essential care
- try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
- people you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms
- people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms

What is a support bubble?

If you live with someone at higher risk from coronavirus, try to arrange for them to stay with friends or family for 14 days.

If you get symptoms of coronavirus

If you get any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste):

- get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible
- anyone you live with must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result

What to do when you get your test result

If you test negative (the test did not find coronavirus):

- keep self-isolating for 14 days from when you were last in contact with the person who has coronavirus – as you could get symptoms after being tested
- anyone you live with can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms
- anyone in your support bubble can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms

If you test positive (you have coronavirus):

- self-isolate for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started – even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days
- anyone you live with must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started
- anyone in your support bubble must self-isolate for 14 days from when your symptoms started

If you do not have any symptoms of coronavirus:

- you can stop self-isolating after 14 days
- you do not need to have a test

How NHS Test and Trace will contact you

You'll be contacted by email, text or phone.

Text messages will come from NHStracing. Calls will come from 0300 0135000.

Children under 18 will be contacted by phone wherever possible and asked for their parent or guardian's permission to continue the call.

This information was taken from the gov.uk website.