

Coronavirus Risk Assessment-

Assessment date: November 2020

Assessor: **Emma Williams**

Give Detailed comments to identify the risk	Persons affected by the risk	Probability P-1-3	Severity S-1-3	Frequency F-1-3
Spread of infection Risk to all staff and children to contract coronavirus	Children Staff Parents Visitors to the setting	2	3	3
<p style="text-align: center;">Steps to be taken to minimise risk (S)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children and parents</p> <p>Children with a temperature above 37.8 /and or with a new persistent cough or with loss of taste and smell will be sent home and advised to book a PCR test. Children must not return to nursery until they have received a negative PCR result or isolated for 10 days from the date of the first symptom. If the child is asymptomatic, they must isolate from the day of the positive PCR result.</p> <p>From 16th August 2021 children under 18 will no longer have to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive case. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will advise them to take a PCR Test. Children are still able to attend nursery awaiting their result.</p> <p>Parents dropping and collecting children will continue to do so from the nursery door. Parents will be allowed into the building in circumstances agreed by the manager - this includes settling in, show rounds, stay and play sessions and meetings.</p> <p>Thorough hand washing will continue to take place with staff, children, and parents in the building throughout the day at nursery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The daily running of the nursery</p> <p>Staff will not be required to stay in their 'bubbles', as it is no longer recommended that children stay apart. However, any decision of the reintroduction to keeps groups apart will not be taken lightly and will consider the impact it can have on the delivery of education and childcare. However, it maybe that in some cases, it is necessary to keep groups apart for a temporary period.</p> <p>If a child becomes unwell whilst in the care of the nursery and is displaying symptoms compatible with Coronavirus- The said child should be kept away from others and maintained in one area which can be thoroughly sanitised after and the member of staff supporting the</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Comments</p>	

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child should wear PPE. Parents will be required to collect children from nursery and follow the 10 day isolation policy and advised to book a PCR test.

Maintaining a clean and safe environment

Staff must continue to ensure good hygiene practices are followed throughout the nursery day. Any shared resources must be cleaned more regularly.

At this stage, staff or parents will no longer be required to wear face masks or coverings or any additional PPE beyond what they would normally require for their work. However, staff are welcome to wear face masks in communal area and when greeting parents if this is their preference. PPE in the form of face mask, disposable apron and gloves will be available for staff on site who are dealing with children with symptoms of COVID19. In certain circumstances, there maybe occasions where staff are required to wear face coverings in the setting - for example, if there is an outbreak in the setting.

All waste must be disposed of in a hygienic and safe manner.

Tissues/wipes must be disposed of immediately. - promote the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach

All items within the setting requiring laundering must be washed in line with **NHS laundry guidelines** - bedding must be washed weekly - ***wash your hands after handling dirty laundry.***
all underwear, towels and household linen should be washed at 60C (140F) or at 40C (104F) with a bleach-based laundry product to prevent germs from spreading.
do not leave laundry in the washing machine - any remaining germs can multiply rapidly.

Keep windows open where possible to ensure ventilation.

Nursery childcare payments should be completed online where possible or over the telephone (if needing to pay by card).

The setting should ensure an adequate supply of essential supplies and contingency plans are in place to minimise the impact of any shortages of supplies. The setting will not be able to operate without essential supplies required for ensuring infection control.

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Any essential visitor will be given an information sheet on entry to the setting detailing expectations - this includes, following good hygiene practices throughout time spent at nursery. It is no longer required for visitors to wear face masks/ coverings in corridors or communal areas. However, may do so if this is their preference.

Staff guidance

All staff **must** follow the 10 day isolation policy if they become unwell or have a new/persistent cough or loss of smell and taste. A member of staff who becomes unwell with a temperature and new/persistent cough **must** be sent home without delay and advised to take a PCR test. Staff must isolate for 10 days from first symptom

If you test positive for coronavirus, the NHS test and trace service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited. You will be told to do this online via a secure website or called by a contract tracer.

As of July 19th, nurseries should not be identifying close contacts - this is now left to track and trace.

From 16th August 2021 adults who have been fully vaccinated will **no longer have to self-isolate** if they are a close contact and have been notified by Track and Trace. Staff will only have to isolate if they have **not** been double jabbed and have been contacted by Track and Trace as a named close contact from a positive individual.

Staff who are double jabbed will only have to isolate if they themselves have tested positive for Coronavirus or have symptoms.

Nursery meetings and training will be reintroduced from July 2021.

There will be no more restrictions on messy play or singing within nursery- previous risk assessments for this are no longer in place.