

Illness Policy Addendum during Covid19



Anyone who begins to display coronavirus symptoms while in the setting will be sent home immediately and instructed to follow government guidelines on [what to do if you or someone in your household develops symptoms](#).

If a child is waiting to be collected, they will be separated from their group and isolated with one member of staff if this is possible. Ideally this will be a staff member from their bubble.

Gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn and a distance of 2 metres maintained where possible.

Once the child or member of staff has left the setting, we will follow [Cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#) to ensure areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.

All staff and children who are attending at the Pre-School will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. [guidance on coronavirus testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).

Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their immediate group within their setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for up to 14 days. The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise us on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger group may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. As we aim to observe guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

We have asked parent to update their emergency contacts in advance of our wider opening.

From 8th June the government introduced a quarantine for people returning to the UK from certain countries. We ask that families follow this guidance if they are returning from abroad.

Any child who has been unwell in any way should not attend the setting. Any child who has had infant paracetamol/ibuprofen within the last 4 hours will not be admitted to the setting.

Any child where a member of their household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms must not attend the setting. They must self-isolate according to the government guidelines at the time or until the member of their household receives a confirmed negative test for COVID-19.

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Signed on behalf of the preschool

Director _____ **Date** _____