

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Statement

We provide care for healthy children and promote health within our setting for children and adults. In extreme circumstances, the setting may have to make alternative arrangements, put actions in place with immediate effect so that children can continue to receive quality of education or in extreme circumstances close for a period of time during outbreak of positive cases in the setting, if advised by the health protection team to do so.

Extra Action

If thresholds of covid-19 positive cases are reached in the preschool:

- 5 children, Staff or adults who have likely to have closely mixed, test positive within a 10 day period.
- 10% of children, Staff or adults who have mixed closely within a 10 day period.

As a one room group mixed setting, all children and staff mix closely over the period of each week and are likely to have come into contact with each other at some point.

If any child is hospitalized through Covid-19, Public health England must be contacted on 0800 046 8687

We will action the following steps when a covid-19 positive cases are on the rise, even if they have not met the threshold:

- Reinforce the twice weekly testing to Daily testing for all staff member and adults
- Ensure more ventilation in the playroom and used areas
- Wear a mask in communal and close spaces for adults and when changing nappies
- Adults will distance as much as possible

Ofsted requirments

We are required by law to inform Ofsted of ALL Covid-19 positive cases that have been in the setting.

Actions when a threshold is met

If any of the above thresholds are met , the manager, deputy manager or a Trustee will contact Public Health England for Education for further advice on 0800 046 8687

Public Health England will do a check with the caller and give further action reflecting the local situation where rates are higher and additional action should be taken. They may advice other measures to be implemented.

Testing

Staff test twice a week as standard practice, this will be enhanced to daily testing each morning before coming into the preschool, until the infection rate and positive cases has ceased within the 10 day periods.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are worn in communal areas, such as the lobby, kitchen, toilet and changing areas.

Children 0-5 years do not require masks.

Staff will not wear masks in the playroom when with the children as advised by PHE.

Shielding

Following clinical advice, adults and children considered clinically extremely vulnerable will not be advised to shield, unless additional precautions are advised.

Other Measures

During an Outbreak the preschool will risk assess and if required limit

- Educational visits where mixing with other children or people outside the preschool setting may occur.
- Restrict open morning/visits/induction days
- Restrict parental visits
- Contact outside professionals to alert them to the outbreak

Attendance

Restrictions to attendance will only occur where, on Public Health advice, in extreme cases;

- Where other recommended measures have not broken the chain of transmission
- On Government advice to manage dangerous variants or to suppress pressure on the NHS

If we have to prioritise children attending due to limited staffing or Government advice, the following will apply:

- Children of keypersons (as advised by government guidance) and vulnerable children
- Funded FEET children
- Other funded children by age and developmental need
- All other children

If attendance has been restricted, remote learning education will be provided for those children unable to attend.

Education Workforce

If restrictions on child attendance are ever needed, the Trustee's and leadership team will determine the workforce required onsite or for staff to work remotely.

Safeguarding

There will no change to Safeguarding arrangements, which remain the responsibility of the 3 Safeguarding partners

- Local Authority
- Clinical Commissioning team
- Chief officer of Police

If attendance restrictions are needed, we would continue to keep vulnerable and all children safe as required by our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and in either absence a senior leader.

Where a vulnerable child is absent the preschool will:

- Follow up with the child's parent/Carer
- Encourage parent to allow child to attend
- Keep in contact with the child's family
- Access and action Safeguarding procedures if required.

Educational Visits

All educational visits will be risk assessed and we consider if the visit is safe to continue to offer it.

Closure

The preschool will close in extreme circumstances:

- As advised by Public Health England
- If Mrs Sale or Mrs Farris are both unwell or isolating at the same time and no alternative management can be obtained to run the preschool in-line with the Early Years Foundation Stage and Early Years Statutory Guidance.

If we have to close the setting, advice will be sought from Public Health England, Surrey Early Years and notified to Ofsted.

General Guidance for early years settings and childcare providers can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-and-childcare-coronavirus-covid-19>

General guidance for schools can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on full reopening of schools here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Guidance on cleaning is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>