COVID 19 Control measures at Nursery summary September 2022

COVID 19 main symptoms:
The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

System of controls:
To ensure that nursery is as safe as possible we are sharing our system of controls so it is understood and followed by everyone in the school community.

We will:
1.Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2.Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents.
3.Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4.Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Site access
There are currently no restrictions to the school site. The school encourages the use of hand sanitiser on entry to the school and handwashing for children on entry.

If COVID 19 rates increase the school may temporarily restrict access to certain areas of the nursery to reduce the risk of spread. Parents and visitors may be expected to use hand sanitiser, wear masks (unless exempt) and support children to wash hands.

School may change the drop off and collection point on site and reduce access to the classrooms or building to reduce the amount of adults on site and prevent congestion and promote social distancing.

Change may take place at short notice. Ensure school is able to contact you by text by signing up to the School Life App.

What to do if your child has symptoms
Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to nursery.

They can come back to nursery when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to nursery.

If your child becomes unwell at nursery you must make arrangements for early collection.

Attendance
Our school is open for all children and face to face attendance at school is required.
High rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties with the availability of staff. Our priority is to keep school open with all children continuing face-to-face education. Where workforce issues arise, we may need to use existing teaching, temporary and support staff more flexibly where required to ensure our setting remains open, whilst ensuring that we continue to have appropriate support in place for pupils with SEND. We may need to consider combining classes. If there is a shortfall of staff the school may need to temporarily reduce the number of children attending face to face education. In the event of a temporary reduction we will prioritise face to face education for vulnerable children and those of critical key workers. A remote programme of learning will be provided to children who do not attend.

Vulnerable children include:
- those with a social worker
- those with an Education, Health and Care Plan
- a group of children considered locally, including by settings and local authorities, to be 'otherwise vulnerable'
- children known to children's social care services in the past
- children whose home circumstances might be particularly challenging because of domestic abuse, parental offending, adult mental health issues, and drug and alcohol addiction.

Critical key worker list
Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors:
- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Full Critical Key worker list

Health and social care
This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply

chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

•childcare

•support and teaching staff

•social workers

•specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

•those essential to the running of the justice system

•religious staff

•charities and workers delivering key frontline services

•those responsible for the management of the deceased

•journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

•the COVID-19 response

•essential public services, such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

•production

•processing

•distribution

•sale and delivery

•as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

•police and support staff

•Ministry of Defence civilians

•contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

•fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)

•National Crime Agency staff

•those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

•staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)

•the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)

•information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response

•key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)

•postal services and delivery

•payments providers

•waste disposal sectors