

Coronavirus risk assessment update

January 2021

In light of the new virulent strain of the corona virus the following additional measures will be implemented to keep the children and staff safe and keep the virus at bay. We put these measures in place knowing that:

- It is impossible to eradicate the invisible virus from the nursery, however we can minimise the risks as far as we are able
- Young children are much less likely both to fall prey to the virus and spread the infection to adults
- The new strain is no more dangerous to children and adults under 70 years old
- The science shows that early years environments are safe places to be and that under 5s need to continue their learning in person (ie not remotely)

Hazard	People at risk	Measure to be taken	Level of risk	Action (who, when?)
Social distancing	Parents and staff	Staff have been instructed to wear masks when giving feedback to parents and asked to ensure they stand 2 metres apart when doing this	High	All staff
		Staff must not congregate in the reception area when giving feedback to parents	High	All staff
		Staff have been instructed to wear masks any time they leave the room where they work	High	All staff
		No more than 4 staff members are allowed in the new staff area at any time and chairs must be stationed 2 metres apart	High	All staff
		Only parents settling children will be allowed in the nursery and will be asked to wash hands, have temperature taken and wear a mask. If they can sit to one side in the room they should and sessions should last no longer than 1 hour.	High	Staff in under twos room to liaise with parents
		At mealtimes staff must collect meals from the trolley where possible to reduce the need for staff to enter play rooms	Medium	All staff as necessary

		Staff must make every attempt not to enter another play room unless absolutely necessary Staff will bring back bubbles in the larger preschool room to reduce mixing of children, as is the practice in the larger under twos room.	Medium medium	All staff Staff in Adv 1 and Disc 1
Cleaning	Staff and children	Staff are asked to continue to clean toys, resources and surfaces at the end of each day Deep cleans continue to take place monthly outside of nursery hours Rugs will be cleaned bimonthly Staff are asked to continue to clean handles/switches /flushes/taps/exit buttons/bannisters and door panels in the morning and now to repeat this once all staff lunches have been completed Cleaning of electronics such as phone handsets, tablets, keyboards, remote controls, access buttons to be cleaned and sanitized daily with antibac wipes	Medium Medium Medium Medium medium	All staff in rooms Chris to arrange Chris to arrange Allotted staff Senior staff and staff in rooms
Isolation period		If a child or staff member becomes unwell they must self isolate for 10 days. Their family members must self isolate for 10 days. Staff and children who become unwell are encouraged to get tested. If a child or staff member is tested and the result is negative they can return to nursery and other family members can end self-isolation. If a child or staff member tests positive then everyone in their bubble must be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days, whether or not they display symptoms. Members of their household must self isolate for 10 days, regardless of syptoms	high	All parents and affected key staff

Reducing infection spread		Parents have been told that we will no longer be willing to take a child who also attends another preschool setting.	High	Senior staff to inform parents
		Staff will remain in one play room for their whole shift unless absolutely necessary	Low	All staff
		Part time staff will be asked to commit to working only for the nursery during January and will be asked to work more shifts where possible	Low	Senior staff to work with part timers
		Agency staff will be taken on who can commit to only working for our nursery and will be given extra shifts to create some slack	Medium	Chris to liaise with agency
		Senior staff will take turns to work from home so that one person is always safe to lead operations	Medium	Ginny to arrange
		All staff will be encouraged to be tested weekly to ensure they are infection free		All staff
		Cleaners will be expected to wear a mask on site until all staff have left the premises	Medium	Senior staff
	Any child developing a temperature at nursery will be sent home immediately (except teething where senior staff will make a professional judgement)	High	Senior staff	