

COVID-19 Whitehill Childcare Services Ltd: Nursery Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Parents • Children 	<p>Hand Washing Hand washing facilities with soap and warm water in place. All Children and staff to wash hands on arrival. Stringent hand washing taking place. See hand washing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available.</p> <p>Disinfecting Staff will ensure equipment and areas are disinfected / cleaned before the nursery opens and when the nursery shuts and when needed. Staff will also ensure that cleaning of equipment is monitored throughout the day and is completed regularly.</p>	<p>Employees and children to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap and the importance of proper drying. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19 https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/PACEY%20general/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf</p>	Manager	On going

			Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.		
		<p><u>Nursery Drop off & Collection</u></p> <p>Children will be dropped off and collected at the front door of the Nursery for Caterpillar children and the green gate in the playground for Butterfly children. Handover will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>When staff are letting children in or out or speaking to a parent they will be wearing a mask. We are also asking that parents wear a mask when they drop off and collect too.</p> <p>Visitors will be allowed in during quieter times to view the nursery usually after 5:30 and will wear a mask when inside.</p> <p>Visits from other professionals will be allowed to come into the setting and wear a mask when around the children and PPE if required. Hand sanitizer is also available at the door.</p>			

		<p>Cleaning Frequent cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, toys and resources using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Kitchen surfaces and equipment</p> <p>Will & Becky: Cleaners</p> <p>Window Cleaner: Mark</p>	<p>Antibacterial sprays and wipes will be used to sanitize the equipment regularly.</p> <p>A disinfectant machine to be left on throughout the day for intermittent disinfecting of the rooms.</p> <p>Kitchen sides are kept clean and cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes before food is prepared in the kitchen. When the hot lunches are delivered the boxes are wiped over. Staff wear aprons when preparing food and frequently wash their hands.</p> <p>Cleaners to wear masks whilst inside the setting. They will also be asked to socially distance themselves from the children and staff will ensure that this is happening. All PPE and antibacterial products will be used.</p> <p>All PPE will be in place. Mark will be using antibacterial soaps to wash the windows and ledges. Mark will also be wearing gloves & masks to protect everyone around him and will ensure that they do not touch anything inside the setting.</p>		
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		<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u></p> <p>The advice for people who have a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result has changed. They are no longer required to have a follow-up polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, and they should stay at home and self-isolate immediately.</p> <p>People who have a positive LFD test result should only have a follow-up PCR test if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment • they have a health condition that means they may be suitable for new coronavirus (COVID-19) treatments • they are taking LFD tests as part of research or surveillance programmes, and the programme asks them to do so 	<p>Anyone displaying a high temperature (hot too touch), a new cough or loss of taste and smell.</p> <p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through line managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast-changing situation.</p> <p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have a positive day 2 LFD test after arriving in England <p>The main symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new continuous cough • a high temperature • a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) <p>For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms listed above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and arrange to have a test. You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.</p> <p>There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 PCR test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.</p> <p>If you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive LFD or PCR test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still</p>			
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		<p>possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if you are vaccinated.</p> <p>If you develop any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate immediately.</p> <p>If you have a positive LFD or PCR test result but do not have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results. You should do this even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Other people in your household might need to self-isolate too.</p> <p>If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a PCR test by ordering it online or by calling 119. You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.</p> <p>Stay at home and self-isolate if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have a positive LFD or PCR test result. Self-isolation will help protect your family, friends and the wider community by reducing the risk that you will pass the infection on to others.</p> <p>Your self-isolation period starts immediately from when your symptoms started, or, if you do not have any symptoms, from when your</p>			
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		<p>self-isolation after the second negative test result.</p> <p>Report your LFD test results after taking each test.</p> <p>You should not take an LFD test before the sixth day of your self-isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results.</p> <p>This guidance also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.</p> <p>If you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are not legally required to self-isolate. You are also not legally required to self-isolate if you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.</p> <p>COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of you becoming severely ill if you catch COVID-19. If you are vaccinated against COVID-19 you may still catch it and pass it on to others, even if you do not have any symptoms.</p>			
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		<p>isolate to prevent you from passing the infection on to other people and follow the advice for people who have COVID-19. You do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.</p> <p>If your daily LFD test result is negative, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the test was taken. To further reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others, you are strongly advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces • to work from home if you are able to • in addition to venues where it is a legal requirement, to wear a face covering in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you are in close contact with other people • to limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 • to follow the guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 <p>If you are unable to take a daily LFD test then you are still strongly advised to</p>			
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		<p>follow this advice to reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others.</p> <p>Follow this advice until the household member who has COVID-19 reaches the end of their self-isolation period.</p> <p>Children and young people aged under 18 years who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal.</p> <p>Regular LFD tests are not recommended for children aged under 5. If they live with someone who has COVID-19 they are not legally required to self-isolate but you should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 and arrange for them to take a PCR test as soon as possible.</p> <p>If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.</p> <p>If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a</p>			
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		<p>separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.</p> <p>In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.</p> <p>If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves until the end of their shift. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people</p> <p>Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members/parent of child during this time.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</p> <p>Tools for use in childcare and educational settings</p>			
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		<p><u>Mental Health</u> Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help Reference - https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/ www.hseni.gov.uk/stress</p>	<p>Regular communication of mental health information and open-door policy for those who need additional support.</p>		
		<p><u>Soft Furnishings</u></p>	<p>Limited soft furnishings are out including dressing up, blankets for snack / activities, puppets which are washed or sprayed with fabric disinfectant at the end of the day or when needed.</p>		
		<p><u>Lunch & Snack Time</u></p> <p>Zebedees; Hot lunches</p>	<p>Tables/Chairs/Mats; all to be wiped down after each use.</p> <p>Food to be served by lunch assistants. Children will not be allowed to self-serve temporarily. The delivery of lunch will be made with limited contact.</p>		

		Afterschool Club:	<p>All containers will be wiped down as soon as they are delivered.</p> <p>The minibus will be sanitised after each run.</p> <p>All equipment/resources will be sanitised at the end of each session and after each group has used them.</p>		
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