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Precious Kids COVID-19: Outbreak Management Plan

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1. Introduction

This Outbreak Management Plan is based on the [contingency framework for managing local outbreaks](#) of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE's COVID-19 Contingency Framework states that settings should have an outbreak management plan, which describes how they would operate if there was an outbreak in the nursery and when it may be necessary to implement additional measures to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within the setting.

The purpose of this plan is to prepare for moving forwards with the government agenda. It is a national priority for education and childcare settings to continue to operate as normal during the Covid-19 pandemic.

These measures will be implemented in Precious Kids Day Nursery to help prevent the spread of infection within the nursery setting, to manage a COVID-19 outbreak or cluster, to react to high COVID-19 infection rates in the community or when all measures in place are still failing to reduce risk and infection.

It is important that everyone complies with the latest Government guidance on Coronavirus. Compassionate leadership is at the heart of offering continued nursery care and we will do everything we can to be honest, open and to communicate with you. There will be a lot of anxieties and we acknowledge that it is okay to feel worried and that COVID-19 and the lockdown has had an impact on everyone.

2. Measures to prevent the spread of infection

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, we have been pleased with our Safe Operating Procedures and the adaptations we have made to our everyday practice to ensure we offered, and continue to offer, our parent's and children a safe environment. Hygiene and social distancing remain the two key elements of infection prevention and control. We have made the decision to keep the following procedures in place:

- Any child, staff member, parent or visitor with coronavirus symptoms must not attend nursery and must isolate at home.
- Parents, carers and visitors are advised to take a day before lateral flow test, that has been submitted through the NHS website, before they enter the nursery.
- Children will not be accepted into nursery if they have been given fever-reducing medication, at parent's discretion.
- Any person displaying symptoms must not return to nursery until they have completed the required isolation period and/or received a negative coronavirus test, in line with government guidelines. Children with temperatures cannot return until they have been 24 hours fever free, without the need of medication to assist, in line with PH DfE guidelines.
- Increased cleaning processes remain in place.
- Parents remain to collect/drop off at main door.
- Bubble systems remain in place all children are in one room, with the use of the garden.
- Parents and staff members will wear masks during drop off and collection at nursery.
- Staff members carry out regular Lateral Flow Device testing.
- Ventilation is a key part of infection control, doors remain open and outdoor play is encouraged.

- All persons travelling outside of the UK must adhere to instructions and testing in line with the government guidance.

3. Clinically extremely vulnerable staff and children

Shielding is currently paused. In the event of a major outbreak that poses a significant risk to individuals on the shielded patient list, the government can agree to reintroduce shielding. Staff or children who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable may need to stay at home, but only if advised by the government.

4. Visitor Restrictions

Visitors can come into the nursery, they will be asked to keep their face covering on, shoe coverings will be given and parents temperature will be checked, we would ask one parent per household to visit. Visitors will not enter the room while it is active with children.

5. Face Coverings

There has been no previous guidance for staff to wear masks in nursery except under particular circumstances e.g. when caring for a child with Covid-19 symptoms. It has been discretionary for staff to wear face coverings if this helps them to feel more confident in their roles. There would be no change to this guidance in the event of an outbreak. Face coverings for parents dropping and collecting their child will continue in the event of an outbreak. Face coverings are still required to be worn by parents when settling their child in the nursery building, and remain away from other children.

6. Self-isolation

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

7. Safeguarding:

It is expected that all Early Years nursery setting have a DSL on site, if this is not possible a senior leader will take on the responsibility for coordinating safeguarding and remote support will be given by the Trust Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing.

we will review our child protection policy to make sure it reflects the local restrictions and remains effective.

8. Shielding

We will adhere to national guidance on the reintroduction of shielding, which would apply to those on the [shielded patient list \(SPL\)](#).

We will speak to individuals required to shield to risk assess the need for any additional protective measures in the nursery or arrangements for home working or learning.

8.1 Other measures

If recommended, we will limit:

- Visitors into the nursery
- Home Visits
- Parents coming into setting
- Parents settling in

9. Attendance restrictions

Attendance restrictions will only be recommended as a last resort. If recommended, we will implement the measures in this section.

9.1 Eligibility to remain in nursery

In the first instance, we will stay open for:

- Children of critical workers
- Vulnerable children

If further restrictions are recommended, we will stay open only for:

- Vulnerable children
- Children of critical workers

*Please refer to the updated Risk Assessment for any further information



COVID-19 early outbreak management

Early years settings

Who should use this information?

Leadership and management of early years providers, as well as childcare and childminders to children between 0-5 years. This does not cover nannies or au pairs. This information provides key steps to quickly identify and contain any potential COVID-19 outbreak. For any other possible health issue you should follow your existing processes. Education providers should also be aware of any local arrangements with their Local Authority in case of parallel reporting of cases.

For England only.

What you can do to manage a possible outbreak

Confirm

Staff and pupils must not come into the setting if they have symptoms. If you are informed about a potential case or cases, check whether they have had a test (**Box 1**). <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If tested negative and are well, they can return to the education setting.

If tested positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the day they were tested. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Contacts

Identify any close contacts of the confirmed case in your setting using **Box 2**.

Remember, contact might occur when travelling or on breaks. Talk to the case and make a full list. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Check

Check your setting. Refer to DfE early years and childcare guidance which sets out the actions settings should take to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) within their setting. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>. You may want to redo your risk assessment.

Call

You must notify Ofsted as per the [Early Years guidance](#).

Box 1. Symptoms check list

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:



a high temperature – hot to touch on your chest or back (no need to measure your temperature)



a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours



a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means that it is different to normal

Box 2. Identifying contacts

A 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 anytime from 2 days before the person was symptomatic up to 10 days from onset of symptoms. For example, a contact in the setting can be:

- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within 1 metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
 - being coughed on
 - having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
 - having physical contact, or
 - contact within 1 metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive

Box 3. When to call your local Health Protection Team

- you've taken the action outlined but are still seeing more cases
- you're thinking you might need to close because of the number of people affected
- somebody in your setting has been admitted to hospital; You're getting significant interest from local media

To access more information refer to the guidance below or search the titles on GOV.UK:

- [guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person](#)
- [COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings](#)
- [early years and childcare: COVID-19](#)
- [safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [coronavirus: travel guidance for educational settings](#)

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