

Contingency Covid Plan (Outbreak Plan)

Introduction

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- as part of a package of measures responding to a variant of concern (VoC) or to the extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community
- to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

This plan describes what we would do if children or staff test positive for COVID-19 to help break chains of transmission.

The overarching objective is to maximise the number of children attending our nursery and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk.

Collaboration

Multi-agency collaboration and communication is important in ensuring we are following the latest government requirements and guidance.

Where decisions about measures to be taken at our nursery need to be made, we will work in partnership with the DfE, UKHSA, the local authority, NHS 119 and the local health team. We will follow their guidance.

Outbreak

If there is an outbreak at the nursery the follow actions will be taken:

1. All staff to wear face covering in communal areas and lateral flow test daily
2. All play areas to be ventilated frequently by opening windows for 10 minutes at a time periodically throughout the day
3. Headteacher to contact the relevant agencies which may include DfE, UKHSA, the local authority, NHS 119 and the local health team
4. Headteacher to inform/update Ofsted of covid cases
5. Headteacher to check current early years covid requirements
6. All staff and children to get PCR test done as soon as reasonably possible on day 1 and again on day 10. Additional tests may be required by Public Health England.
7. Staff and families to inform headteacher of results of PCR test

Please note: Changes may be made to this plan depending on changes to the law and the advice and guidance given by the multi-agencies listed above.