

Being Free Being Me



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Dear parents and carers,

We understand it is a difficult time and we are aware that you are concerned about your child's health.

For this reason, we would like to share with you some of the strategies we are going to put in place and monitor following advice from the below sources:

The Department of Health, Public Health of England and Croydon Council Child Care Department.

-The government has acknowledged that social distancing cannot be maintained within the younger age group therefore we will assess the risks continuously and consider the effectiveness of our hygiene measures.

-Wearing a face mask in educational settings is not recommended so staff and students will not be wearing masks.

-Frequent hand washing for children and adults will be implemented- (hand washing thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap). Children need to wash their hands as soon as they come in. And parents during settling in process. We will make use of hand sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered when necessary (i.e playing outdoors) for staff and children.

-We will promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when a child coughs or sneezes.

-We will continue to maintain our staff ratios in line with the EYFS.



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-During settling in times, parents to keep the safety distance during settling in periods.

-We will spend the majority or all of the time outdoors in line with our ethos and approach. It has been scientifically proven that outdoors spaces can limit transmission. Unless the weather is not suitable for outdoors during the summer term. In that case we will notify parents the day before to bring their children to our indoors setting instead. We will not be using minibuses for transportation of children to minimize risks.

-Parents can drop off and collect their children by keeping a distance of 2 metres among themselves and wait in a queue for a member of staff to receive the child or allow you to take your child back after a briefing about their day. We will reduce handover face to face conversations to a minimum and arrange phone calls between staff and parents if needed for longer conversations.

-If you child, yourself or any members of your household are unwell you must not come to nursery with your child.

-If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in our setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home, a fluid-resistant surgical face mask and disposable gloves will be worn by the supervising adult.

-Children will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their households.

A negative test will enable children to get back to us and parents to get back to work.

If a child's test for coronavirus comes back as positive, this (or their family members) will trigger isolation and he/she cannot return to us for 7 days whilst following advice from 111 or 119. And anybody who lives with the child needs to isolate themselves for 14 days.

In terms of other children and staff in contact with the possible suspected COVID case at the nursery, we will ask everybody to stay at home until the result comes back to us. If positive we will close immediately and reopen after two weeks.

-Our play equipment and indoors facilities to be regularly cleaned using recommended products.

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-We are requesting parents to send a packed lunch and snacks for their children. Parents will send their child to nursery each day in a clean set of clothes. Waterproofs can be wiped down daily at home with anti-bacterial spray. Children bring their own sleeping bag and comfort blanket in a sealed bag if they are napping.

Please be reassured that your children's safety is our top priority and any decisions we will make are in line with the advice from the relevant authorities and to protect children and families.

Do not hesitate to contact one of us managers if you have any concerns or if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

Catia Lopes and Maria Souto

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**COVID-19 symptoms (NHS)**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

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- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.