



COVID-19

The aim of this Policy is whilst following guidelines from the Government and KCC we also ensure that:

- The setting will have 'classes' rather than bubbles, mixing of classes will be allowed in the garden and on the field so the children can benefit from mixing with other age groups.
- Staff who are 14 days post 2nd vaccination are no longer required to isolate should the setting have a positive case of COVID-19.
- Staff who are not yet fully vaccinated will be required to isolate should they be identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Childcare settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing themselves
- As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent or carer specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. The setting may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.
- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated;
 - they are below the age of 18 years 6 months;
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial;
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.
- Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.



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- Staff who do not need to self-isolate, and children who usually attend the setting, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend the setting as normal.
- Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.
- All children and staff travelling from abroad to England must adhere to [travel legislation](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england), details of which are set out in <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>.
- Face coverings are no longer recommended for staff and visitors in corridors or communal areas. As a setting we will continue to request that visitors coming into the setting wear a face covering. Staff who wish to wear a face covering are welcome to do so, the setting would prefer transparent face coverings as they encourage easier communication.
- Should there be a local outbreak Public Health may advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in common areas.
- The setting will continue to promote both hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.
- The setting will continue with its enhanced cleaning schedule.
- The setting will continue to ensure that it is well ventilated to encourage fresh air flow. As the temperatures decrease, we will look to ensure that there is a balance between the need for increased ventilation and a comfortable room temperature.
- When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test. Children, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into the setting if they have [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).
- If anyone in our setting develops [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), however mild, they will be sent them home (collected) and they should follow public health advice. If a child is awaiting collection, appropriate PPE will be used.
- Our staff should undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the Government.



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- The setting will continue to monitor and record children's temperatures at the beginning of every session.
- Staff and children with a positive rapid lateral flow test result should self-isolate in line with [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). They will also need to [get a free PCR test](#) to check if they have COVID-19.
- While awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.
- If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive rapid lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the rapid lateral flow test and they can return to the setting, so long as the individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Held on _____ (date)

Date to be reviewed _____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the management
committee

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