



## Rainbow Day Nursery COVID-19 Containment policy

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Review date: Weekly during outbreak

### Aim:

Rainbow Day Nursery will ensure that all reasonably practicable actions will be taken to prevent the COVID-19 virus spread into the nursery setting. COVID-19 has been identified as a moderate risk by the UK Chief Medical Officers and this policy is written to help Rainbow play a part in the containment of the spread of infection while children are returning to the Early Years settings. This policy is based on the guidance from the below

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

What is the Corona Virus?

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020.

The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been infected.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. **There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.**



### **Responsibilities:**

Responsibility for overall infection control and containment of the COVID-19 virus throughout the nurseries is, owner, **Brid Stenson** and Area Manager, **Lisa Dewar**

Each Nursery Manager has overall and final responsibility for this policy being carried out at their Rainbow Day Nursery setting.

All employees have the responsibility to co-operate with Senior Staff and the Area Manager to achieve infection control and containment of the COVID-19 virus in the nursery

If a member of staff notices a breach of the hygiene standards or are made aware of a breach, they must immediately report it to the appropriate person, named above. Parents and visitors are requested to report any concerns they may have to firstly, the Manager or Deputy Manager in the absence of the Manager, before contacting the Area Manager.

## **2. How COVID-19 is spread**

From what we know about other coronaviruses, spread of COVID-19 is most likely to happen when there is close contact (within 2 metres) with an infected person. It is likely that the risk increases the longer someone has close contact with an infected person.

Droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes (termed respiratory secretions) containing the virus are most likely to be the most important means of transmission.

### **Preventing spread of infection at Rainbow Day Nursery**

There are general principles we follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19: We will follow the government guidance below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

The nursery always uses disposable handtowels for the children and staff.

Children and staff are expected to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds throughout the day and always after direct contact with any child - with soap and water, this is guided by the practitioners for the children to ensure extra vigilance. Staff and children are expected to wash their hands-on arrival at the nursery.

- Staff have received instructions on the most effective hand washing practice.  
<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>
- Alcohol sanitiser that contains 70% alcohol is used if hand washing facilities are not readily available are provided for each room.



- Alcohol sanitiser that contains 70% alcohol is available in all hallways and entrances. Visitors and parents are only allowed into the building in exceptional circumstances and are requested to use this before entering the rooms.
- Children and staff are encouraged to cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue then throwing the tissue in a bin in the event of a tissue not being available then we recommend sneezing into the elbow or sleeve. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#) posters on display in the settings.
- We request that staff and children who are unwell should stay at home and not attend the nursery setting as outlined in our sick children's policy.
- We are encouraging children and staff to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Implementing our Sick Children's policy
- Implementing our Cleaning Policy
- **Children and staff will have their temperature checked daily on arrival at the setting and will not be permitted to stay if their temperature is 37.8 degrees or above.**
  - Parents are requested to check their child's temperature before taking them to nursery
  - Staff will also check each child's temperatures daily
  - Staff will observe the children for any signs of the virus are present and report to managers and parents
    - Cough
    - Fever
    - Difficulty in breathing
  - Children or staff presenting any of the above signs or symptoms will be excluded from the nursery and the nursery will follow the guidance
    - COVID-19: guidance for educational settings
    - Children or staff will not be permitted back to nursery until the have had a negative Covid-19 test result.
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  - Managers will Call NHS 111, or 999 in an emergency (if the child is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. People who become unwell should be advised not to go to their GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.
  - Parents will be kept informed throughout the time their child is at the Nursery and the child will be kept separate from other children. Staff caring for this child will have PPE available to protect them. The child will be kept in well ventilated room or in the outdoors away from others.
  - The nursery would expect an update from parents once their child has received medical attention or advise.



## **What the Nursery will do if a case of COVID-19 is suspected**

- The nursery will follow the government guidance
  - COVID-19: guidance for educational settings
- All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested and if a negative test result they are allowed to return to nursery.
- Education settings are currently being encouraged to remain open until a positive result is confirmed. Rainbow Day Nursery will remain open in line with this advice.

## **What Rainbow Day Nursery will do if a case of COVID-19 (child or staff) is confirmed**

- The nursery will follow the government guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

Where the child, young person, or staff member tests positive, the rest of their room will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that room do not need to self-isolate unless the child, or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

## **What Rainbow Day Nursery will do if children or staff are contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 who was symptomatic while attending the nursery.**

- The nursery will follow the government guidance as above

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>



## How Rainbow Day Nursery will clean the nursery if children, students or staff with suspected cases of COVID-19.

- The nursery will follow the government guidance
  - [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#)
- The Nursery will follow their revised Covid-19 cleaning policy at all times
- All cleaning materials used will be disposable and single use only
- All waste will be disposed as per the government guidance.
- PPE is available for all staff

All health and safety matters are reviewed informally on an ongoing basis and formally every six months or when something changes. In light of the nature of this Virus this policy will be reviewed weekly while COVID-19 presents a potential risk to the children, staff and visitors to the nursery. Staff and parents will receive these updates, as with all policy changes, as and when they happen.

Staff and parents can contribute to any policy and this policy