

Outbreak Management Plan

Corona Virus 2021

Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on children, any measures in settings should only ever be considered as a last resort, for the shortest amount of time possible.

System Controls

Several cases over 14 days may result in an **outbreak**. Call the DFE helpline on **08000 468687** and select option 1 (5 children, and or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or 10% of children, and or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period)

Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) risk assessments will be reassessed and reissued, liaising with the vulnerable member of staff or parents/carers of the child to ensure all risks are minimised during an outbreak.

All children **travelling** to England must adhere to travel legislation – details set out in red, amber and green list rules for entering England.

Parents and carers should bear in mind the impact on their child's learning and development which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return

Staggered start times and pick up times must be set for parents and a maximum number of up to 4 parents in each side of the yard at one time will be set.

Bubbles to be reintroduced if advised by the local council or public health. In this instance, Oaks and Acorns will run separately and children will no longer be able to mix.

Visits to the library, Church or Ford Park will cease until restrictions are eased.

Teams meetings must be used for all TAF and support meetings during an outbreak with the exception of safeguarding meetings when required. **Visitors** who must visit the setting must liaise with management and only attend following a negative LFT and agreement with management regarding restrictive protocols within the risk assessment.

Masks to be worn when staff are walking through bubbles or working with staff from another bubble. Visors can also be worn to assist anyone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate. These can also be worn by anyone exempt from wearing a face covering.

Social distancing will be in place in the playground for all parents and carers on arrival and pick up.

Close contacts to be identified by track and trace. NHS track and trace will work with the positive case and identify close contacts. Advice will be given on isolation according to details of the contact.

Frequent and regular hand washing is regular practice. This must be done on arrival, before snack and before and after eating. Staff to continue to model and support those children who need this.

Hand gel will be at the gate on arrival and children with additional needs can use hand gel as an alternative to washing hands if this causes distress.

Soft furnishings and additional resources will be packed away, removing the more difficult toys to clean. Dressing up will also be removed

Edible tactile play will be removed and tactile materials must be quarantined for 72 hours between uses.

Ventilation will be increased whilst maintaining a comfortable environment for the children. Any poorly ventilated spaces are noted in the risk assessment.

All staff to follow government guidelines on when to **isolate** and what to do. No staff member must enter the setting if they have symptoms or for other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on Covid-19 (e.g required to quarantine)

If anyone in the setting develops symptoms of Covid-19, however mild, they must be sent home immediately and follow public health advice. PPE must be used when a child is waiting to be collected and close contact is necessary. Rooms should be cleaned after they have left.

Testing should take place twice a week until the end of September when this can be reviewed.

Staff who receive a positive LFT result must then seek a PCR test within 2 days and follow the guidance from 'households with possible coronavirus infection'.

If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFT and staff can return to work, as long as the individual does not have Covid-19 symptoms.

Children who are unable to attend during an outbreak or heightened restrictions must be contacted once weekly by phone call and opportunities for home learning must be provided by management and key workers either via email or social media.

Visits to the setting for new parents must be done out of hours, when the nursery is closed and with only 1 parent and no children of the family wanting to register.

Home visits for new starters will not be booked in until restrictions are lifted.

Wellbeing is key to children's ability to play. Support for individual children and families who are struggling with any issues resulting from the pandemic or heightened restrictions will be offered.