



Updated guidance on COVID 19 procedures and information- 2021.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



SYMPTOMS



- If your child has ANY symptoms of the Corona virus they should stay at home and your household should **isolate** in accordance with the latest Public Health Agency Advice. You should continue to isolate until you receive results. Please inform Nursery of results.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating>

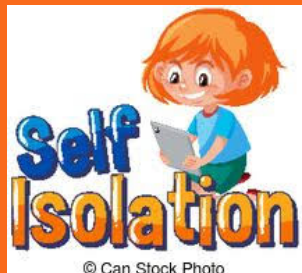
Symptoms include:

- A Raised temperature-this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
- A new continuous cough-this means coughing a lot 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.
- Loss of or change in sense of smell or taste .



PROCEDURES WHEN RESPONDING TO A SUSPECTED CASE OF CORONA VIRUS

- Anyone who displays symptoms while in the nursery will be sent home immediately- this applies to both staff and children
- Staff will follow procedures from our isolation policy
- Parent will be contacted immediately, so please ensure your emergency numbers are up to date.
- The child waiting to be collected will be withdrawn from their bubble/class and will wait with one member of staff in our parents room
- This room will be well ventilated for safety

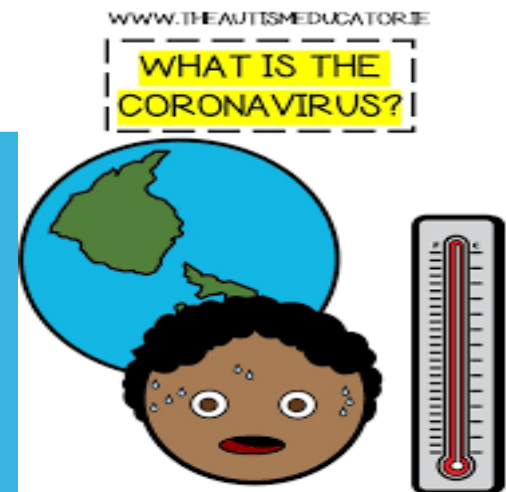


PROCEDURES

- Parents are recommended to seek PCR test for their child

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

- If the child's test is negative the child can return to nursery, parents may present the negative test result before return into the nursery
- If the child's test is positive your child must self isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. We are observing guidance on infection, prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission.





Parents have a key role in making schools safe and should continue to:

- Follow COVID-19 guidance
- Ensure compliance with PHA guidance if child isolating due to:
 - The child having COVID-19 symptoms, in which case parents should book a PCR test and support the child to isolate with close contacts of the child following PHA protocols for self-isolation.
 - If your child has been identified as a close contact, either as a household member of a symptomatic or confirmed case, or as a close contact of a case not in their household, it is recommended that parents seek a PCR test, if the test is negative and the child is well they can return to school.
 - The child having returned to Northern Ireland from another country and isolating in line with NI Direct Travel advice and regulations.



Key points to remember.

If your child has COVID19 symptoms DO NOT send them to school and seek a test immediately.

If the test is negative they may return to school if they are well.

Close contact

If a member of your child's class/bubble tests positive it is recommended that you seek a test for your child immediately, if the test is negative your child can return to school.

If your child's test is positive then they must self isolate for 10 days.



SETTLING IN.

- Our settling in period has been adapted to reflect the relevant updated safety guidance relevant to Covid 19.
- We must reduce contact between parents when dropping off and picking up to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to.
- To support us, it is vitally important you come at your child's allocated time
- Please do not bring any toys or schoolbags into the setting.
- Only 1 parent may attend open day session and for future drop offs- as we must follow PHA advice with social distancing measures
- Parents must wear a mask (unless you are exempt) on any arranged visit into the nursery setting.





SETTLING IN PROCEDURES

(FOLLOWING UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE -AUGUST 21)



- Mrs le Mahieu's class will use the main front door for both drop off and collection.
- Mrs Murney's class will use the side gate for both drop off and collection.
- A parent/carer will escort their child to the main door/side gate of the nursery where a member of staff will bring child into the class
- Same procedure will be in place for collection time, a member of staff will hand over your child to you. Please be patient-we are learning who you are!
- It is imperative that appropriate social distancing is observed during these times as times of drop offs are staggered to alleviate some pressure.
- Parents are not encouraged to wait, but where this is essential parents are requested to wait at designated outside areas.
- We will send you lots of photographs on seesaw to show you how your child is settling in.
- Many thanks for your continued support during this challenging time.

