

Outbreak Management Plan for COVID-19

Department of Education's Guidance updates – Step 4.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children 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. The Nursery would strongly encourage this even if they are asymptomatic.

If there is an outbreak in our nursery or if Dorking is named as an enhanced response area, we may be advised that some control measures need to be temporarily reintroduced by Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Vaccination is promoted by St. Paul's Church Nursery School, and staff and volunteers are encouraged to do two lateral flow tests on a weekly basis.

If a child shows symptoms or if they are within a family with symptoms, it is strongly advised to take a lateral flow test.

Positive rapid lateral flow test results

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#).
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, and if symptomatic, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to nursery as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

From 19 July, as with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. 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.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test

Do not send your child to their nursery if

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

You should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

If you insist on your child attending nursery when they have symptoms, we can take the decision to refuse your child if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Our decision would be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice, but with strong motives to keep our community safe.

Useful links

- [Contact tracing downloads - FAQs / parent letter / contact tracing journey \(Google Drive\)](#)
- [COVID-19 RESPONSE: SUMMER 2021](#)
- [National Lockdown: Stay at Home](#)
- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)
- [COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#)
- [Ofsted: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rolling update](#)