



Covid-19 Policy - updated December 23rd 2021

This policy has been put in place to outline how we will manage the situation of a positive Covid-19 test result from a child or staff member who has attended the nursery.

While we appreciate that individual circumstances will vary, we wanted to give some general guidance to parents and staff that outlines our approach to managing the Covid-19 situation.

As the situation continues to unfold, this policy will also evolve, and updates will be provided in the usual way via the parent portal.

In the event of a positive test from someone attending the setting we will follow the procedures mandated by Public Health England and the individual Local Authority. In all cases this will involve advising Test & Trace. We will then follow Test & Trace guidance in contacting the parents of affected children and relevant staff members.

Each Local Authority will maintain their own specific guidance on managing the virus and this may vary from area to area. During this process, Test & Trace may reach out directly to inform affected families of the need to self-isolate in order to contain the possible spread of the virus. We appreciate this is disruptive for families and their children, and indeed it is for ourselves and our own staff who will also be affected.

There may be other families that upon hearing of a positive test, although not directly affected, may choose not to come to the nursery for a period of time. We will all come into contact with people, either through work, shopping or other social activities and so it is likely that over a period of time, this could happen on more than one occasion.

If your child has tested positive you will not be charged fees for the time that your child is isolating. However, if you can pay and support the nursery then this would be very much appreciated. While it is now possible to follow the Government guidelines and reduce isolation period from 10 days to 7 days, the Government does not recommend regular LFD tests for children under the age of 5.

All parents will be notified of any positive cases within the nursery setting and we will follow guidance from Public Health England in deciding whether any additional action is required.

If your child has not been asked to self-isolate, but you decide that you do not wish your child to attend nursery, then you will still be charged full fees as this is your decision and not requested by ourselves or Test & Trace.

If your child is unwell for any other reason, there are no changes to our standard policy and we will continue to charge full fees whilst they are absent.

We understand that it is a difficult time for everyone, and we thank you all for your continued support.

We reserve the right to change this policy and these payment terms at any time without giving notice.

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