













Covid Outbreak contingency plan

<p>When should my child stay at home</p>	<p>DO NOT ISOLATE</p> <p> All children should attend nursery and pre-school unless they are ill</p> <p> As of 14 December 2021, the following people can take a lateral flow test every day for seven days instead of isolating, if they have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of any variant of Covid-19 (including Omicron):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully vaccinated adults (i.e., those who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine) • all children and young people aged between five-year-old to 18 years and six months, regardless of their vaccination status • people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons • people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine <p> The results of each lateral flow test should be reported through the <u>Online Reporting System</u>. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and <u>order a PCR test</u> to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.</p> <p> The government has confirmed that children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of Covid-19 and do not need to isolate. However, we require them to have a PCR test and we ask families to consider others and the risk to those who are vulnerable if you have someone who has tested positive in your household, and whether you feel your child should be attending nursery or pre-school during this period or whether they should also be isolating at home.</p>
	<p>ISOLATE</p> <p> If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test, NOT a Lateral Flow Test.</p> <p> If your child develops COVID symptoms at nursery or pre-school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. They will not be allowed back into nursery or -pre-school until we have seen confirmation of the result of the test.</p>

	<p> If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated, but instead should book a PCR test.</p> <p> Anyone over the age of 18 years and six months who is not fully vaccinated (and not exempt from isolating for any of the reasons listed above in the not to isolate section) is still required to self-isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.</p> <p> If you have someone that has tested positive for COVID in your house you MUST inform us immediately, we ask that all household members do a PCR test and that your child does not attend nursery or pre-school during the persons period of isolation.</p> <p> We ask all staff to isolate for 10 days if someone in their house tests positive for COVID.</p>
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Community COVID Risk	Description	Actions
Low Community Transmission. No nursery or pre-school cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no cases of COVID within the nursery or pre-school for 10 days • Cases of COVID locally are low and/or stable • Hospitalisation/Deaths due to COVID nationally are low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding children of good hygiene when they arrive and throughout the day • Ensuring good ventilation encouraged where practical, CO2 monitor to be used. • Ensuring children / Staff to stay at home if they have COVID symptoms (and need to book a PCR test) • Following operational procedures outlined in the COVID operational plan • Staff will continue to take Lateral Flow Device tests at least twice a week
Rapidly rising community transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current COVID cases have been recorded at nursery or pre-school but... • Cases of COVID are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local settings and schools • Public Health England/Hampshire County Council issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation of the nursely and pre-school increased and hand washing supervised. All children to be supervised when washing hands on arrival • Staff and children to keep to their settings/rooms and only to mix if it is essential • Clinically vulnerable staff meet with line managers to review their individual risk assessments and discuss additional protections (e.g., face coverings)

	warnings of expected local/national infection wave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings to be worn at drop off and collections and in communal areas. • Parents/Carers to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children • Group facilitators in the centre and people attending must wear a mask when coming into the centre and while in communal areas • Only essential visitors allowed. Visitors must wear masks • Clinically vulnerable children to have their care plans reviewed • All meetings to take place virtually
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Number of cases	Description	Actions
A single child or member of staff tests positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single child/adult tests positive in a room/setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child/adult self-isolates for 10 days. • Key person will call the family to check on the child and offer some activities to do at home if the child is well enough • The parents/carers of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts. • Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to book a PCR test. The nursery or pre-school will contact parents/carers to advise if your child has been in close contact with the person who has tested positive • The Government state that children do not need to miss nursery or pre-school whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have COVID symptoms. However, we ask families to consider the needs of everyone and help us to keep everyone safe, when deciding whether to bring your child in or not

		<p>while waiting for the outcome of the test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are required to do a Lateral Flow test every day while they wait for their PCR test results and if they test negative, they are required to do a Lateral Flow test for 10 days from the positive case. • Re-introducing face masks for staff in corridors and communal areas and for drop offs and pickups.
<p>3 children or staff within a nursery or pre-school test positive within 10 days of each other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 3 cases of COVID within in a setting within 10 days, which could mean that COVID is spreading within that setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • The Head of Oaktree Family Group will discuss the outbreak with Public Health England by calling the DfE helpline (0800 046 8687) and agree strengthening protective measure for 10 nursery/pre-school days, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No parents/carers to come into the settings, drop off to take place at individual doors outside for each setting, no parents, or carers to come into the family centre ○ All meetings to take place virtually
<p>COVID cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10-day period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the measures indicated above, COVID cases within the nursery/pre-school continue to rise within a 10-day period with multiple cases across the setting, suggesting that COVID is spreading throughout the setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above for each positive case. • Incident Management Team meeting held between Oaktree Family group and Public Health England to agree further measures, for a further 10 nursery/pre-school days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-introducing bubbles ○ Limiting all non-essential visitors ○ Postponing all non-essential events ○ If we are unable to offer all places, priority will be given to key workers and vulnerable families

Further information

- Oaktree Family Group nurseries and pre-schools are open as normal to all families.
- If we have a positive case all families must work with us and understand that all things, we put in place are to keep the children, families, and staff safe.
- Nursery/Pre-school fees will still apply as per your terms and conditions if your child is ill, or if you choose to keep them at home for any reason.
- All Oaktree family Group policies and procedures must always be adhered to.
- There is a change in symptoms for the new variant which now includes a runny nose, sneezing, a sore throat and loss of smell and taste, many symptoms of the common cold. If in any doubt, please do get a test.
- All adults, unless medically exempt, MUST wear a face mask when dropping off or collecting children. If you bring older siblings with you who are aged 11 years or over, they must wear a mask.
- Staff and group facilitators will wear a face mask in communal places and when greeting people at the front door.
- We ask that you keep your child at home if someone tests positive in your household.
- All staff continue to take twice weekly LFD tests. At times as part of our risk management and in line with the Government guidelines staff will take daily tests.
- If your child is unwell and we request, that your child has a PCR test or you tell us they are having a PCR test, we will require you to email us the results of the PCR test before they can return to nursery.

This document had been put together following Government guidance in the Contingency framework: education and childcare settings, Actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic and COVID-19 response: autumn and winter plan.