

Returning to Nursery Covid-19 Policy

From 1st June we are able to offer full childcare services to all families of nursery age children.

In line with the Bright Kid Coronavirus Nursery Strategy shown on the Bright Kids Website this policy is in place to help support the minimising of risk to children, parents and our staff and to facilitate a smooth return for all our children.

We have undertaken a full Risk Assessment based on the increasing numbers and new government guidance and set out our expectations to assist staff and parents at Bright Kids to feel supported and informed about our approach to the Covid-19 outbreak moving forward.

In addition to this we ask that all parents and carers help keep us all safe by supporting and adhering to the steps we are taking as set out below.

Preparing for your child to return to Nursery

- Please ensure your child is dressed in fresh clean clothes every day
- Where you send in a water bottle/drinks cup then please be prepared for these to stay at nursery for the whole week or permanently. This does not apply to baby bottles that are sterilised daily.
- If your child comes to nursery with a bag we request you keep items in these to a minimum and be prepared to leave these at nursery during the week
- Please keep all personal toys at home. We can accept essential comforters such as blankets but these should be clean every day or kept at nursery during the week.
- In hot weather we ask that you purchase some 10 hour a day sunscreen lotion and apply this on your child prior to attending nursery. We can 'top' this up during the day but doing this minimises contact and therefore risk.
- Make sure you have provided us with any new emergency contact details if existing one are shielding or unavailable
- Share with us any concerns or worries you know your child has about Covid-19

Arriving at Nursery

- Only one parent or carer at a time to drop off or collect each child
- Ensure you are distancing from each other when outside the building. This means staying 2 metres apart. Where possible we will introduce a one-way in-out drop off to minimise contact, or an alternative entry door for some children. When this is not possible then we ask you to ensure that you give enough space to others at all times.
- We may introduce staggered arrival and departure times if we consider there are too many children arriving at the same time

- If you can see there are a lot of people then please stay in your car, if arriving by car, until things go quieter
- All handovers will take place at the door
- You may need to allow yourself a longer time for drop-offs and pick-ups due to these measures
- We aim to minimise the time taken for handover's, which also minimises the risk
- If you are using public transport to get to and from nursery we ask that you take all steps possible to keep safe e.g. wearing a face mask and gloves

Inside Nursery

- Parents are currently not allowed inside the setting but we are able to undertake Zoom calls from time to time if needed
- We will continue to communicate via Tapestry as required
- Good basic hygiene practices, including very regular hand-washing (practitioners, children and any essential visitors) are in place
- Children will be cared for in core groups (bubbles) for the entire day which means all staff and children in the group do not mix with other groups
- We ask you respect our restriction of parents and carers to areas of the children's environments
- If your child display's any symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at nursery we will isolate them with a single staff member who will wear full PPE. We will ask you to collect immediately and encourage you to get a test and self-isolate until the result is known.
- Where there is a positive test within the nursery then all children in that core group (bubble) will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days

If you or other members of your household display any symptoms of Covid-19 then we ask you to keep away from nursery and self-isolate your household for 14 days.

This is an evolving policy and is subject to change where circumstances or government guidance dictates.

If you would like to clarify anything in this policy please speak to the nursery manager on site.

Date of next review- 31.08.20