

InceyWinceys Day Nursery

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Policy

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic we are doing everything reasonable and possible to minimise the risk to children, staff and parents. With ever changing Government policy and advice we will endeavour to ensure we are following the most recent and relevant guidance, which can be found here

General <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Early Years specifically

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

Presently we are open to all children and have put the following procedures into place to try to minimise the risk during drop offs and collections:

- All drop offs and collections to take place outside the premises, using separate entrances for each room. Fingerprint entry has been temporarily disabled for parents.
- When there is a queue to drop off or collect, parents will use the yellow dots on the floor to ensure they keep a distance of 2m between each family.
- Once the parent has rang the doorbell or buzzer, one member of staff will bring the child and their possessions to the door and there will be a swift handover keeping distance wherever possible. Staff will wear a face shield or mask during this time.
- The child's temperature is taken before they are admitted inside. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any child with a temperature.
- Information about the child's day should be shared via the Tapestry system to reduce face to face contact time. Parents are welcome to call during the day to speak to staff if necessary.

We have taken the following steps to try to minimise the risk of transmission within the premises:

- All staff are tested weekly on site using the lateral flow test, appropriate hygiene steps have been taken and the results are logged with track and trace. Advice from Public Health England will be sought and followed.

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- The cleaner is increasing the cleaning to include a conscious cleaning of communal areas such as door handles, light switches, bin lids etc. We will be engaging the services of a deep clean at least monthly.
- The rooms have individualised additional risk assessments including an increased cleaning rota to ensure each area of the room and the resources are wiped down and sanitised as often as deemed reasonable.
- The children and staff will wash their hands when coming into the setting, before and after meals, after blowing nose or coughing, after coming in from the garden and additionally as staff see appropriate. We will use hand sanitizer during trips outside of the nursery and when we return hands will be washed with soap and water.
- Toys from home should be kept away and in bags, or if possible, they should be kept at home to avoid possible cross contamination.
- Wherever possible, children will stay within small groups (or bubbles) and encouraged to play amongst their group. Where possible, staff will stay within their own room and be mindful of not breaching the bubble. A consistent lunch cover system will be used to ensure the same person covers lunch in the same room to try to limit staff within the bubble.
- The children will use the garden as often as possible, while limiting it to one room at a time.
- We have removed soft toys and cushions for the short term as per governmental advice.
- Staff will adhere to 2m distancing rules within the staff room and wherever possible will eat in their cars.
- Staff are aware to be vigilant if they, any member of staff or any child in their room develop symptoms and to isolate and leave the building as quickly as possible and to engage in deep cleaning as appropriate.
- Outings will be risk assessed and will only be planned if safe and appropriate. Public transport will not be used at this time.

Visitors:

- New settlers will have their first hour with their parents staying in the garden alone with the key person, maintaining a distance between adults of 2m.

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- Tours of the nursery will be carried out on particularly quiet days if possible and safe, or will be rescheduled for the months to come.

Symptoms:

The most common symptoms are :

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

To protect others, you must stay at home if you or someone you live with has symptoms of coronavirus. If your symptoms are mild, you'll usually be advised to not leave your home for at least seven days. Anyone you live with should not leave your home for 14 days

As the advice changes around testing, we will advise the next steps when someone is suspected to have coronavirus and take appropriate steps. **Parents must be available to come and collect the child if called.**

Emergency contacts must be updated to ensure vulnerable people are not called to collect the child, eg over 70s.

Communication with the Parents

Please make sure you have the “ourschoolsapp” app downloaded to your phone with the notifications turned on. This will be our primary way of contacting everyone quickly in the event of changing policies.

It is very likely that the news of changing policies will happen suddenly and without much notice and the app allows us to send one message to all.

We will endeavour to find solutions and update staff and families as quickly as possible, but please bear with us as problem solving through these unprecedented times has been challenging, particularly with the team not able to gather!

Thanks for your co-operation, support and kind words during this crisis, we are all navigating the changing restrictions together and we will get through this. Our main priority is providing safe and consistent care wherever possible.

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