

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Risk Assessment

Establishment: Lemongrove Nursery

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Newest changes highlighted below

Red – High Risk

Yellow – Medium Risk

Green – Little or No Risk

Focus	Area of consideration	Recommendation	Risk and Level of Risk
Children	Drop off and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will continue to drop and pick up from the nursery street door. A member of staff from their room (For pre-school - or a member of management ,Gizem or Megan) will collect the child from the door and escort them to wash their hands. For pre-school and Toddler Room children, they will be taken to the bathroom. For our babies, individual wet flannels will be available to use.</li> <li>Children to wash hands when they arrive at the setting, when they return, when they change locations, before and after eating.</li> <li>Only children who are symptom free or have completed the required isolation period attend the setting.</li> <li>No toys, teddys or blankets (or similar) to be brought in from home. A nursery comforter can be stored at nursery.</li> <li>One member of staff from the child's room will take the child out to their parent when it is time to collect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families will not be truthful about household health.</li> <li>Staff will not challenge families about health.</li> <li>Hands will not be washed thoroughly upon arrival.</li> </ul>
	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, young people, and staff can continue to use public transport where necessary. We encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot wherever possible and safe.</li> <li>From Step 4, face coverings are also no longer recommended but advised, to be worn on public transport.</li> </ul>	
	Physical distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor spaces/garden now used by all.</li> <li>Staff in our nursery rooms will continue to work within their own room.</li> <li>Continue to use bank/agency staff if needed for room cover.</li> <li>In the event of classroom bubbles being required again, these will be re-established and staff will be notified.</li> </ul>	
	Play and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malleable resources are now re-introduced, including sand and water trays.</li> <li>Soft furnishings will be re-introduced to playrooms.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure children wash hands regularly, throughout the day, as well as before eating, after coughing or sneezing.</li> <li>• Settings can take groups of children on trips to outdoor and <a href="#">indoor public spaces</a>. <a href="#">Risk assessments continue to draw up</a>.</li> </ul>	
	Children wellbeing and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children should be supported in developmentally appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe, including regular hand washing.</li> <li>• The setting will ensure of enough supplies of tissues. The setting will be following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</li> <li>• 2-year-old checks have resumed.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Children transition between rooms will now resume</a>. <a href="#">Parents can arrange a transition visit, should they wish to view the next room</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff to be aware of children's attachments and their need for emotional support currently.</b></li> </ul>
	If a child starts displaying symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a child becomes unwell with a new, persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell; they must be sent home and advised to follow COVID-19 guidance.</li> <li>• A child awaiting collection, should be moved to a designated area with a member of staff isolated from peers with a window open for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.</li> <li>• If the child needs to use the bathroom whilst waiting for collection, it must be cleaned and disinfected before being used by anyone else.</li> <li>• Staff should wash hands immediately and thoroughly for 20 seconds after coming into any contact with someone who is unwell.</li> <li>• The designated area should be thoroughly cleaned before being used again.</li> <li>• The person responsible for cleaning the area should wear appropriate PPE. Face mask, face shield, gloves and apron.</li> <li>• In the event of a staff member developing suspected symptoms whilst working, they should return home immediately, book a PCR test and isolate at home in line with the NHS guidelines.</li> <li>• If a child or member of staff becomes ill, then they must be tested using a PCR test. This is subject to change in accordance with the government guidelines. Staff members and children will only be allowed back in after a negative result or when the appropriate isolation period has finished.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do</a>. <a href="#">They should not come into the setting if they have symptoms or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk</a></li> </ul>	

		<p>of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone in the setting develops symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice. For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.</li> <li>• From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old and double-jabbed staff members 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.</li> <li>• If someone gets their second dose just before, or after, the 16th of August, they'll need to wait until two weeks after they get the second jab to benefit from these new freedoms so the vaccine has time to build the maximum possible protection.</li> <li>• 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. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.</li> </ul>	
Workforce	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff should only attend Lemongrove Nursery if they are symptom free, have completed the isolation period or received a negative PCR test result.</li> <li>• Risk assessing with regular health questionnaires for returning staff.</li> <li>• Staff to wash hands thoroughly throughout the day for at least 20 seconds and upon arrival.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff to be vigilant on health and stay away if unwell.</b></li> <li>• <b>Testing is available to all.</b></li> <li>• <b>Staff may to not be proactive in washing their hands thoroughly.</b></li> </ul>
	Lateral Flow testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early years staff should undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff may wish not to participate</b></li> </ul>
	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment should continue as usual. Consideration for a flexible approach to interviews, with alternative options to face-to-face interviews offered where possible</li> </ul>	
Parents	Physical Distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only parents who are symptom free and or have completed the required isolation periods will be able to drop off or collect their child.</li> <li>• <b>From August our Buggy store will be re-opened for baby parents only. If parents are working at home, buggies will need to be taken home.</b></li> <li>• <b>No longer need to queue.</b></li> <li>• <b>Collectors will be admitted through the nursery gate.</b></li> <li>• <b>Parents will be required to wait at the door.</b></li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please remember if you wish to discuss your child's day, to call at teatime for an update.</li> <li>• To aid the smooth departure of children at the end of day. Staff will continue to bring children to the gate.</li> </ul>	
	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents should receive clear communication regarding the role they play in safe operating procedure and all measure being taken to ensure the safety of their children and themselves, via email communications, posters, and newsletters.</li> <li>• Newsletters to be conducted every month to notify parents of any changes in COVID-19.</li> <li>• The setting will be following the systems of control and will be ensuring all points, 1-7. These include; Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus systems. Use of face coverings where necessary Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual Ensuring good respiratory hygiene Minimising contact where possible Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Email to parents to keep updated with on-going risk assessment</b></li> <li>• <b>Email to new parents about returning to nursery and procedures to follow.</b></li> </ul>
Visitors	Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visitors will no longer be asked to wear a mask.</b></li> <li>• Nursery visits have resumed.</li> <li>• Settings that need to use other essential professionals such as social workers, speech and language therapists or counsellors, or other professionals to support delivery of a child's EHC plan can continue doing so.</li> <li>• Work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities have resumed.</li> </ul>	
PPE	Staff and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>From Step 4, face coverings will no longer be recommended for staff and visitors in corridors or communal areas</b></li> <li>• Cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus.</li> <li>• <b>Ventilation in the office and across all nursery rooms.</b></li> <li>• Children whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way.</li> <li>• If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, a member of staff should wear disposable gloves, mask, face shield and a disposable</li> </ul>	

		apron. This should then be disposed of by following the correct procedure. Please refer to 'Disposal of potentially contaminated waste'.	
NHS	Track and Trace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Download NHS Covid-19 app to help with the use of Track and Trace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff, parents and visitors reluctant to downloading the app.</li> </ul>
Cleaning	Undertake regular cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced cleaning AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.</li> <li>Cleaning chart to be completed by Room Leaders and staff members.</li> <li>Wear one pair of disposable gloves for cleaning and dispose of immediately after cleaning. One finished, dispose of correctly.</li> <li>Use a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water, then disinfect.</li> <li>Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds.</li> <li>Touchpoints to be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff not following the chart daily.</li> </ul>
	Cleaning electrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff to use own room tablets to use iconnect. Tablets to be cleaned before and after use. New tablets have been purchased and staff are allocated to individual tablets, thus minimising the spread of the virus.</li> <li>Cleaning of tablets, interactive table, keyboards, telephone regularly throughout the day. Alcohol anti-bacterial liquid to be used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff may use different tablet to which may spread infection.</li> </ul>
	Toys and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All resources are welcomed back</li> </ul>	
	Disposal of potentially contaminated waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste from possible cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been, should be double bagged and put in a suitable and secure place until the individual tests negative; waste can then be put in with the normal waste, test comes back positive or not known; then store it for at least 72 hours then in with normal waste.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nappies cannot be stored for 72 hours due to high risk of chemicals and contamination.</li> <li>Staff member forgets to wear gloves and wash hands.</li> </ul>
Events	Sports day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports days can go ahead. In line with the rest of the system of controls, children must remain in their bubbles, and early years children should remain in their consistent groups as is usual for your setting. Our sports day will be held in 2 different sessions, to minimise the risk of our bubbles mixing.</li> <li>Sports equipment should be regularly cleaned throughout the event. Equipment will be cleaned between the different bubbles.</li> <li>Spectators must adhere to current social distancing requirements. Where events take place outdoors, spectators can gather in separate groups of up to 30 – the legal gathering limit. Multiple groups of 30 are permitted</li> </ul>	
	Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor events are generally lower risk. Once you have undertaken a risk assessment and planned your event in line with your system of controls, you may consider an outdoor event (for example a leavers' celebration or prom) that caters for more than one bubble or consistent group, as long</li> </ul>	

as the groups continue to be kept separate. A risk assessment has been drawn up and will be sent out to school leavers parents.

- After stage 4, any parents attending outdoor events no longer need to adhere to social distancing.
- Non-professional activities are permitted indoors and outdoors with the legal gathering limits. Our graduation is only for 30 attendees. Subject to change in accordance with the latest government guidelines.
- After step 4:  
Outdoor activities no longer need to be organised to allow social distancing
  - Advise anyone with COVID-19 symptoms to not attend
  - Social distancing no longer needs to be maintained at all times
  - A limit to the number of people involved no longer required