

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
Covid outbreak	In the nursery setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a covid outbreak was to occur at Lemongrove Nursery we would refer to the Lemongrove Nursery outbreak management plan which will be implemented immediately. 	
Children	Drop off and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to ask parents to drop and pick up from the nursery street door. A member of staff from their room (or a member of management, Gizem or Ceri) will collect the child from the door and escort them to wash their hands. Children to wash hands when they arrive at the setting, when they return, when they change locations, before and after eating. This will continue as an everyday part of nursery life. One member of staff from the child's room will take the child out to their parent when it is time to collect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands will not be washed thoroughly upon arrival.
	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. It is no longer a requirement to wear a face covering, however we recommend that you consider wearing one in crowded, enclosed spaces where you may encounter people you do not normally meet. 	
	Physical distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor spaces/garden now used by all. Staff in our nursery rooms will continue to work within their own room, however, may need to support or cover in another room for short periods of time when needed. Continue to use bank/agency staff if needed for room cover. In the event of classroom bubbles being required again, these will be re-established, and staff will be notified. 	
	Play and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malleable resources are now re-introduced, including sand and water trays. Soft furnishings have been re-introduced to playrooms. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure children wash hands regularly, throughout the day, as well as before eating, after coughing or sneezing. • Settings can take groups of children on trips to outdoor and indoor public spaces. Risk assessments continue to be drawn up. 	
	Children wellbeing and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should be supported in developmentally appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe, including regular hand washing. • The setting will ensure of enough supplies of tissues. The setting will be following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. • 2-year-old checks have resumed. • Children transition between rooms have been resumed. Parents can arrange a transition visit, should they wish to view the next room. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be aware of children's attachments and their need for emotional support currently.
	If a child starts displaying symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Therefore, 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; we would strongly encourage parents to book a PCR test and isolate if the outcome is positive, as recommended by public health. • As before the pandemic we will continue to follow our sickness and illness policy with regards to children who present unwell. 	
Workforce	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to wash hands thoroughly throughout the day for at least 20 seconds and upon arrival. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff may to not be proactive in washing their hands thoroughly.
	Lateral Flow testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it is no longer advised to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Lemongrove will no longer be distributing Lateral Flow Test kits. • Should a Covid outbreak occur in the setting, we will then re-introduce lateral flow test kits if advised by public health, the local authority, or a local health protection team. 	
	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment should continue as usual. Consideration for a flexible approach to interviews, with alternative options to face-to-face interviews offered where necessary. 	
Parents	Physical Distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although it is no longer mandatory to keep socially distant, we are still asking parents to wait at the door, to minimise several people in a small hallway at one time. • Please remember if you wish to discuss your child's day, to call at teatime for an update. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To aid the smooth departure of children at the end of day. Staff will continue to bring children to the gate. 	
	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents should receive clear communication regarding the role they play in safe operating procedure and all measures being taken to ensure the safety of their children and themselves, via email communications, posters, and newsletters. 	
Visitors	Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery visits have resumed. If we 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. Work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities have resumed. 	
PPE & Ventilation	Staff and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. These will continue as a part of everyday Nursery life. We will continue to uphold good ventilation in all rooms, by opening windows. We have been provided with a CO2 device to ensure we monitor our ventilation throughout the building. Staff will continue to use PPE during handling of food and personal care. 	
Cleaning	Undertake regular cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. Cleaning chart to be completed by Room Leaders and staff members. Wear one pair of disposable gloves for cleaning and dispose of immediately after cleaning. Once finished, dispose of correctly. Use a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water, then disinfect. Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds. Touchpoints to be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day Waste from possible cases and cleaning of areas where cases have been, should be doubled bagged and put in the designated disposable bin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff not following the chart daily. Staff member forgets to wear gloves and wash hands.
	Cleaning electrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Cleaning of tablets, interactive table, keyboards, telephone regularly throughout the day. Alcohol anti-bacterial liquid to be used. 	
	Toys and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All resources are welcomed back 	