



Covid 19 update and our Contingency plan

Please find below an overview of our Pre-school's contingency plan which outlines some of the measures we may take should the cases of COVID amongst staff/children increase and an overview of some of the measures which may be reintroduced to help break the chain of transmission.

When should my child attend pre-school and when should they self-isolate?

The Department for Education issued an update on January 2nd 2022. In December, the government announced that individuals testing positive for Covid-19 can now end their self-isolation after seven days, rather than 10, if they receive negative lateral flow test results on days 6 and 7 of self-isolation.

The DfE has now confirmed that this advice also applies to children under five who have tested positive for Covid-19.

The first lateral flow test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and the child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to their education setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable or chooses not to take lateral flow tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation

ANY person showing symptoms of COVID MUST get a PCR test. Lateral tests are not a suitable means of testing children or adults with symptoms, they are only suitable for asymptomatic adults/children. Anyone with symptoms:

- 1) A temperature of 37.8*c OR
- 2) A new continuous cough OR
- 3) A loss of taste/smell,

MUST self-isolate until they receive a negative test, or 7/10 days if they test positive and are asymptomatic.

Please let APRIL know if your child has symptoms and has had a PCR test. It is essential that we closely monitor transmission rates here at pre-school to help protect everyone and amend our pre-school risk assessment.

Some measures remaining in place at Roxwell Pre-school this term:

We are still accessing the outside for as much of the session as is comfortably possible

Ventilation is still paramount and all windows are open at all times during pre-school hours

Enhanced cleaning with particular focus on touch points and soft furnishings are daily

Hand washing/sanitising is still very much a part of pre-school life and is built into the daily routine

Respiratory hygiene is very important and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues in the pre-school.

As we are a small setting all parental contact is outside until further notice

We have a CO2 monitor in place and the ventilation is registered as very good on a daily basis.

In some cases and as a last resort, attendance restrictions may have to be reintroduced to protect our small setting and all who attend/work here.

All staff are now double vaccinated and have all had their booster vaccine over the Christmas break.

All staff continue to test twice weekly at home, with rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart.

If any child/staff member is admitted to hospital with COVID-19 the pre-school will seek public health advice. The reason for this is that hospitalisation could indicate increased severity of the illness or a new variant of concern. Please notify APRIL immediately in this instance.

Attached is the Covid-19 flowchart to support you with the process explained above.

Please visit the government website to view and read the department for education guidance on what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges and the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection as these are updated regularly in line with the current changes.

Thank you for your continued support regards this matter

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Roxwell Pre-school.