

**WELCOME BACK TO
DEE'S CHILDCARE**



Where children learn, play & grow

WE ARE NOW OPEN

Updated January 2022

RETURNING TO NURSERY

GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

- We've opened on Tuesday 4th of January 2022.
- The safety of children, staff, and families is paramount.
- This guide will explain the changes we've made to ensure we can all return to nursery safely following government guidelines.
- This is a learning process, considerations may evolve and be built upon as the situation changes and new precautionary measures and practices may be introduced.

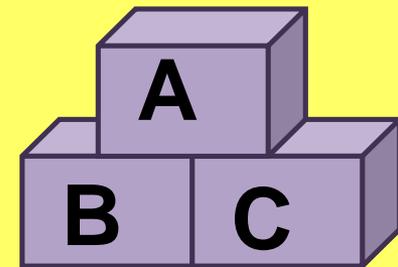


ARRIVING AT NURSERY

- Families should travel to nursery safely, preferably using own car, walk or bike. If using public transport, face coverings should be used as per the Government advice. Children under 2 should not wear face coverings.
 - Parents need to wear a face covering* and sanitize before entry.
- *If you don't have a face covering, we can provide you a face mask at an additional 50p charge*
- We will be taking the children's temperature before entry.
 - Parents need to notify us prior to arriving to nursery if they have been tested positive with Covid 19
 - Only one family in reception at one time.
 - Please wait outside if reception is busy, following social distancing rules.
 - A member of staff will greet you and guide the child from reception straight to the bathroom to wash hands.

PLAY LEARN GROW

- We aim to maintain a normality to our daily routine and keep the environment safe and fun
- All soft toys are restricted for the time being
- All resources, toys and surfaces are sanitized after each use.
- We will resume weekly outings to the local library and other places for pre-booked sessions offered only to our own group.



OUTDOOR PLAY

- We continue our outdoor activities and outings to the allotment, woodlands and open parks and fields.
- We will be playing in the garden daily.
- Whilst children are out of their rooms, staff will clean the rooms using antibacterial solutions.
- Outdoor surfaces will be cleaned regularly.



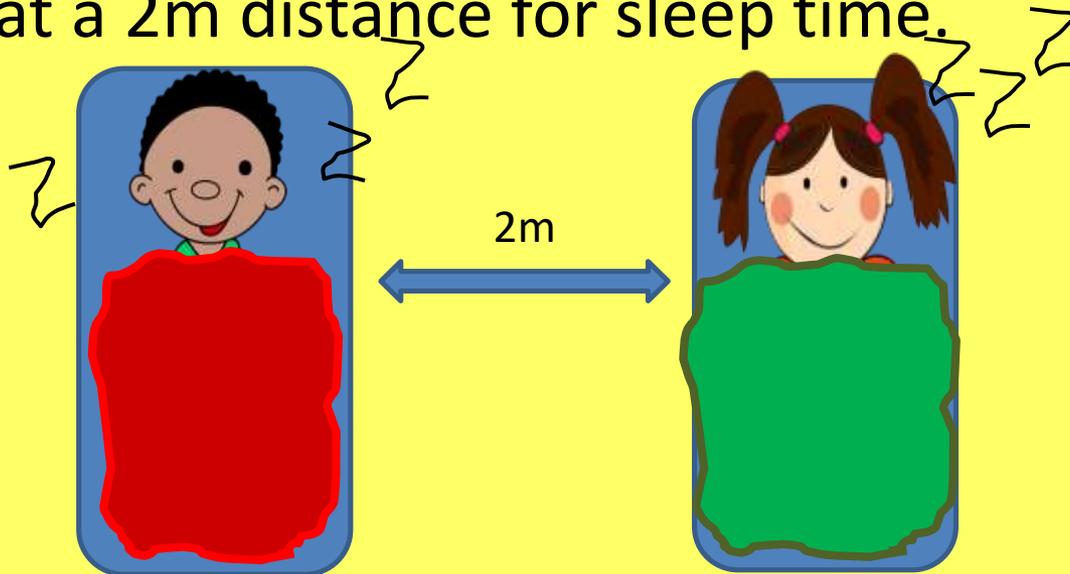
HEALTH, HYGIENE, SAFETY

- All staff has completed training and are aware of what procedures to follow if a child displays symptoms
- Staff continue to wear and dispose of PPE for nappy changes, one to one care, and administering first aid
- Communal areas, touch points, equipment, resources and hand washing facilities are cleaned and sanitised regularly throughout the day and cleaned thoroughly every night.
- Encouraging children to wash their hands frequently (before and after eating, sneezing, wiping noses, after each activity)
- Re-educating the children to catch it and bin it



ROUTINE: MEALS & SLEEP TIME

- Our colour coded system ensures all children use only their own coloured utensils, towels, bedding, minimising cross contamination.
- At meal-times, children will be in their seats with their friends to eat their meals. Meals will be served onto individual plates to ensure food is not shared.
- Each child will have their own personal bed linen, which will be washed daily. Children's sleep mats will be separated at a 2m distance for sleep time.



HOME TIME

- Parents need to wear a face covering* and sanitize before entry

**If you don't have a face covering, we can provide you a face mask at an additional 50p charge*

- Only one family in reception at one time.
- Parents remain in the lobby area, behind the screen and children will be brought to you
- Please wait outside if reception is busy, following social distancing rules.
- Handover may be shorter than usual if other parents are waiting outside.



UPDATED GUIDANCE

DECEMBER 2021

- UK Health Security Agency guidance published on 14 December 2021 states children under five identified as having had close contact with a positive Covid case are "exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts".
- However, following discussions with the Early Years Alliance, the government has now confirmed that under-fives who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 should still take a PCR test – though there remains no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting test results.



IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD HAS CORONAVIRUS OR SYMPTOMS

Do not send your child to the daycare if:

- they are showing one or more Coronavirus symptoms
- they have had a positive test result

Parents should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.

In December 2021, 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 aged under five who have tested positive for Covid-19.

If a child displays Coronavirus symptoms, the daycare managing director can take the decision to refuse care, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. The decision would be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild: Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.

Get help from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.