

## Changes to our COVID safety measures

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the Government's announcement on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, we will be introducing a number of temporary measures to further safeguard our families and staff against COVID. This is a precautionary action whilst a better understanding of the new variant is established.

First and foremost, as of today, we will require all parents and visitors to keep 2 metres apart and wear a mask (unless exempt) when on the nursery premises, both indoors and outdoors.

Our staff will also wear face coverings during collection and drop off times and when they are in communal areas. We will be advising them to continue to lateral flow test at least twice weekly. We would strongly advise that our families also follow this guidance.

### What further measures do we have in place to keep our children, families and staff safe

On top of the introduction of social distancing and face coverings, we will be continuing to follow the below principles as a guide of how to minimise risk:

- ☑ Get a PCR test if you have symptoms
- ☑ Children and staff to remain at home if they have symptoms
- ☑ Parents and carers to not visit the nursery if they have symptoms (even for drop off and collection)
- ☑ Lots and lots of handwashing regularly throughout the day
- ☑ Catch it, kill it, bin it!
- ☑ Additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and toys
- ☑ More outdoor play for children
- ☑ Keeping rooms well ventilated
- ☑ Following current government guidelines

The guidance on isolation remains the same. **HOWEVER, if it is a suspected or confirmed Omicron variant case then staff, children, families and visitors MUST follow the 10-day isolation period as set out by Track and Trace.** As always, we will communicate and inform you of any such cases and work closely with you during this time.

As stated by the Government and Department of Education, most guidance has not changed. The new measures that are being introduced are temporary and precautionary and will be reviewed in a number of weeks. Therefore, in this new and continually changing situation we will review, monitor and adapt as necessary, and update you via our Kindred Satchel.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We appreciate you carefully following the guidance that has been set to keep our children and staff safe, and ultimately keep our nurseries open.

Kind regards,



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