



9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Our COVID safety measures

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the Government's announcement on the 8th December, we wanted to reiterate the temporary measures to further safeguard our families and staff against COVID.

Our priority is to maintain continuity of care and education for our children. The Department of Education has advised that it is critically important that the education of our young people is not disrupted. Therefore, all nurseries will remain open, and parents are advised for their child to continue to attend.

#### Measures in place to keep our children, families and staff safe

Following on from the Government guidance, 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.

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 advice from the Track and Trace team regarding isolation period and testing.**

As always, we will communicate and inform you of any such cases and work closely with you during this time.

### Upcoming events

We think it is very important that our children do not miss out on any special events that are already in the diary and we aim to go ahead as planned. In this continually changing situation we will review, monitor and adapt as necessary, and update you via our Kindred Satchel, should there be any changes to these arrangements.

We do ask that all parents take a Lateral Flow Test before attending, remain socially distanced and wear a mask throughout their time on the nursery premises. Please do not attend if you have symptom and we ask for parents to take a sensible approach and work closely with us to ensure that our children and staff remain safe. If you have any questions, please do speak to your nursery manager.

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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