

15th July 2021

COVID-19 Roadmap Step Four changes

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government announced on Monday the next step on their Covid Roadmap. In light of these changes in restrictions, I wanted to inform you about how this will impact our nursery from Monday 19th July 2021.

- ☑ Face masks will become voluntary for parents and staff.
- ☑ Adults will no longer need to socially distance.
- ☑ We are delighted that self service at lunch time can resume as this is a great learning experience for the children.

We will still be following the Government guidelines on self-isolation for children and staff:

- ☑ Anyone with symptoms will be sent home and should take a test and self-isolate adhering to the Government guidelines.
- ☑ Anyone in close contact will also be required to self-isolate and be tested.
- ☑ Staff and children can only return to nursery once they have received a negative PCR Covid test.

Room bubbles will remain until 16th August

After careful consideration, we have decided to keep our staff and children in their allocated room bubbles until the legislation on self-isolation changes on 16th August. This means we will be doing everything we can to keep our nurseries and rooms open to support our families. After 16th August, we will be adhering to the following government guidelines:

- ☑ Anyone with symptoms will be sent home and will need to take a PCR test and self-isolate adhering to the Government guidelines, irrespective of their vaccination status or age.
- ☑ All individuals will need to self-isolate after testing positive.
- ☑ Individuals who have come into contact with an infected person will need to self-isolate if they are not fully vaccinated. Double jabbed individuals and under 18s will no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19

Please note that any period of absence will be charged in line with our normal terms and conditions.

How we can keep safe going forward

This is a challenging time for all of us and we will be doing everything we possibly can to keep all our rooms open throughout the coming months. The safety of our families and staff is our utmost priority and we will be continuing to follow the below principles as a guide of how we will minimise the risk as restrictions are lifted:

- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Lots and lots of handwashing regular throughout the day
- Catch it, kill it, bin it!
- Lots of cleaning of surfaces and toys
- More outdoor play for children
- Keep rooms well ventilated
- Follow current government guidelines

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we work within the Government advice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 020 8076 7550 or your nursery's Nursery Manager.

Kind regards,
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CEO

