

**Lamesley Childcare - HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT Oakfield Infants Opening Co-Vid-19**

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Action by who?	Action by when?
<b>Government guidelines related to COVID-19</b>	Children, staff, family members, other users on-site, visitors	<p>From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people, up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.</p> <p>Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal.</p> <p>Anyone displaying symptoms of COVID19 must remain home and where possible take a lateral flow test. If test is positive, children must self-isolate for 3 days after test result. If test is taken and is positive on a Friday (Day 0) child stays home Friday (Day 0), Saturday (Day 1), Sunday (Day 2), Monday (Day 3) and returns to setting Tuesday.</p> <p>Symptoms of Covid 19 in children (NHS 28.4.2022) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an</li> </ul>	Manager / staff	<b>Revised:</b> 3.12.2020 3.3.2021 26.4.2021 5.9.2021 11.5.2022

	<p>Children</p>	<p>hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</li> <li>• shortness of breath</li> <li>• feeling tired or exhausted</li> <li>• an aching body</li> <li>• a headache</li> <li>• a sore throat</li> <li>• a blocked or runny nose</li> <li>• loss of appetite</li> <li>• diarrhoea</li> <li>• feeling sick or being sick</li> </ul> <p>The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.</p> <p>Adults whenever possible can maintain social distancing (although this is no longer a government requirement it is practical to continue to socially distance when possible as the virus is still being transmitted).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good hand-washing procedures are adhered to by all staff and children</li> <li>• Where there is no handwashing facility nearby, hand sanitisers will be used.</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>DISLAYING COVID SYMPTOMS</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children continue to wash hands or sanitise when coming into the setting, before and after eating.</li> <li>• promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, to ensure good respiratory hygiene and provide and empty bins at regular intervals – or at least once a day.</li> <li>• Areas are kept well ventilated – opening doors (not fire doors) and windows (whilst keeping safeguarding procedures in place).</li> <li>• Children no longer have to use the toileting facilities one at a time – unless an outbreak of COVID in the school/setting when we will revisit the risk assessment.</li> <li>• Cleaning procedures continues to be in place and all areas and resources are cleaned and set up for next session.</li> <li>• Where a child displays symptoms of the virus, they must be made comfortable, away from other children and staff, until they are collected by parent/carer. Staff caring for a sick child no longer need to wear suitable PPE.</li> <li>• A written risk assessment to support individual staff who are pregnant or have any underlying health problems will be in place and modifications will be made to support them in the workplace.</li> </ul>	<p>Manager and school</p>	
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**SIGNED: Nora Baldwin, Coordinator**

**DATE: 11.05.2022**

**ASSESSMENT REVIEW DATE: On-going**