



Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan

The government has made it a national priority that education and childcare settings should continue to operate as normally as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Measures affecting education and childcare may be necessary in some circumstances, for example:

- to help manage a COVID-19 outbreak within a setting
- as part of a package of measures responding to a variant of concern (VoC) or to the extremely high prevalence of COVID-19 in the community
- to prevent unsustainable pressure on the NHS

All education and childcare settings have contingency plans (sometimes called outbreak management plans) describing what we would do if children, pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19, or how we would operate if we were advised to reintroduce any extra measures on top of those already in place to help break chains of transmission.

If there is one single case of COVID-19 in our setting, we will inform parents. There is no need for children in the setting to self-isolate following a single case in our setting and we will work closely with Public Health England to identify close contacts if there are any.

If your child is a close contact, they will not need to self-isolate, however, we would strongly suggest the close contact has a PCR test.

Should your child have a new continuous cough, a temperature or a loss of taste and smell (this can be seen in younger children when they go off their food), you must arrange a PCR test for your child and not return to pre-school until you have a confirmed negative test result.

Please inform me of a positive test result so we can keep an eye on covid cases within the setting.

In the case where we have 2 or more positive cases of COVID-19, Marsh Green Pre-school will re-introduce more measures within the setting.

These will include a deep clean of all areas used including resources and we will re-instate social distancing with a staggered drop off again along with the already in place measures we have in place to minimise the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Depending on the number of cases and Public Health advice will determine whether or not we have to close for a short period of time.

Our main Priority through the pandemic is to keep our children and staff safe in the setting. If we see a child is showing any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19, we will ring their parent to come and collect them and advise them to self-isolate and arrange a PCR test.

We have measures in place already during the pandemic, these include -

- All staff do lateral flow tests twice a week.
- We have a free flow system in place where children have access to indoor and outdoor activities throughout the session.
- Windows and doors are left open to ensure good air flow throughout the day.
- Children and staff sanitise their hands on arrival
- Children and staff wash their hands more often through the day.
- Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly.

Thank you for your continued support through these challenging times.