

# Little Cherubs Nursery & Pre School



## 2022 – March Update - Covid-19 Procedures

### Living with Covid19

This document is likely to change along with Government guidelines at any point.

## Arrival & Departure from Little Cherubs

- We will continue the main door pick up & drop off.
- Please can we ask that only **ONE** parent attends the pickup & drop off in the Sydenham garden area (where possible)
- Your child's temperature will still be checked on arrival into the setting daily. Should it be above 37.8, your child will be sent home
- If you child tests positive for Covid 19 **child that does have a positive LFT or PCR result to stay home for 5 days after a positive test.**

## Self-isolation

- Close contacts & those under 18 are no longer required to self-isolate
- All close contacts will be advised to take a PCR test
- Individuals identified as close contacts **will not** need to self-isolate while they are awaiting the results of their test
- If the PCR result is positive, the individual must isolate for the required time and NHS Test and Trace will work with them to identify any close contacts
- Parents **will not** be permitted to enter any nursery areas to drop off their child if any parent (themselves) have returned a positive Covid 19 test result OR been told by 'Test & trace' to self-isolate. Your child will be required to take a PCR test before returning.
- Your child may be able to attend the setting as per usual (depending on government guidance)
- Children and staff can return to the setting as soon as self-isolation guidance allows.

## Outside Visits & agencies

- All outside personnel will still be limited.
- Only personnel with pre booked appointments will be permitted to enter the setting which is on a limited basis
- In most cases appointments & parents evenings will be held via video call unless an in person visit is requested.
- No visits will take place during the nursery day. Virtual tours & out of hours only
- All guidance from the government guidelines is reviewed & followed regularly
- Risk assessments are still completed with every government change.
- All teachers are asked to follow the company Health & Hygiene procedures for Little Cherubs at all times

## Settling in your child to Little Cherubs

- Settle sessions will be booked & confirmed with parents via email.
- Please ask that only **ONE** parent attends the settle session.
- Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> settle, the child's key person will allocated & be ready to greet you on your 1<sup>st</sup> session.
- Parents are asked to either wash hand with soap or hand sanitise upon entering the building.

- Parents are offered a disposable mask to be worn whilst inside the building. Any parent is required to wear a **Mask when within the nursery rooms.**
- Settle sessions will take place in the garden or lobby areas where possible.
- All paperwork will be fully completed with your child's Key person. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

## Hygiene & Hand washing

- Children will be asked to wash hands on a regular basis throughout the day, in addition to the usual handwashing & during particular activities to limit cross contamination.
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue, discard it properly and wash your hands immediately.
- Open the windows regularly to ensure open ventilation.
- **We do not allow children to use hand sanitiser at the childcare setting.**
- We ask parents take nursery bags home regularly.
- Plastic carrier & drawstring bags are NOT permitted in the nursery.

### Staff Team

- Staff will be required to also wash hands on a regular basis.
- Hand sanitizers are located in each room & staff are asked to sanitise before entering a different room/area of the building.
- Enhanced cleaning schedules are continued to be in place to be followed each day.
- Cough/sneeze into your sleeve, preferably into your elbow. If you use a tissue, discard it properly and clean/sanitize your hands immediately.
- If you find yourself coughing/sneezing on a regular basis, avoid close physical contact with your co-workers and contact your manager immediately to be sent home.

## Showing Symptoms whilst in the setting

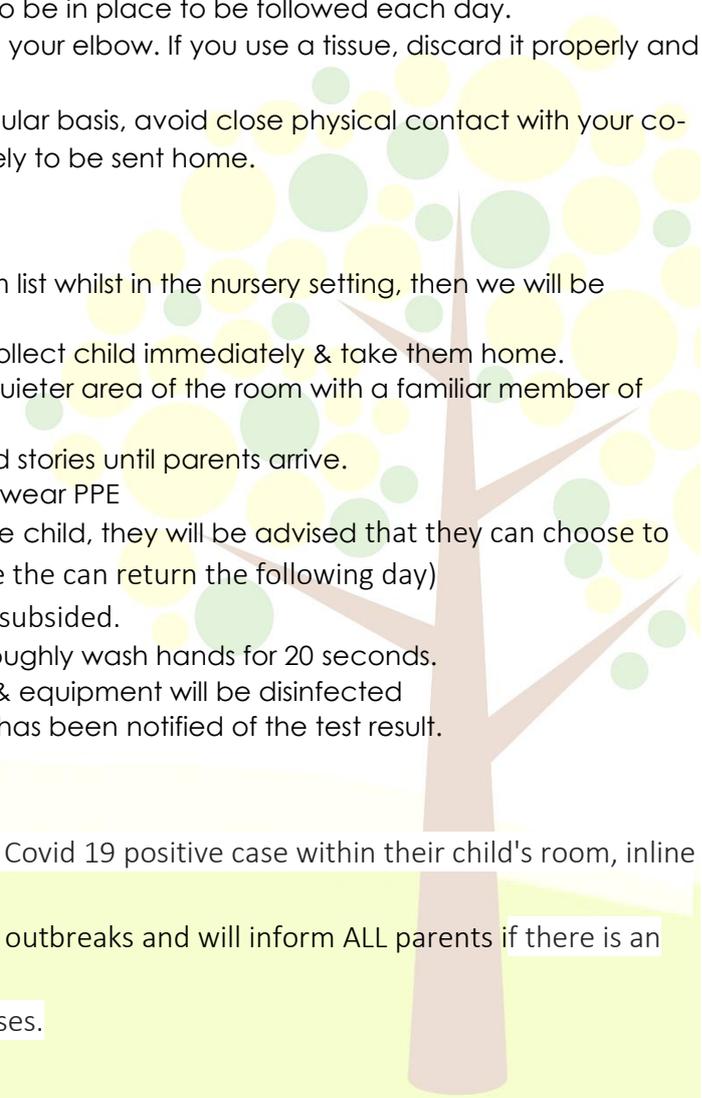
- If your child shows symptoms from the symptom list whilst in the nursery setting, then we will be required to send the child home immediately.
- We will call the parents or legal guardians to collect child immediately & take them home.
- Whilst waiting your child will be moved into a quieter area of the room with a familiar member of staff
- The staff member will sit with the child and read stories until parents arrive.
- The staff member will no longer be required to wear PPE
- When the parents or legal guardians collect the child, they will be advised that they can choose to rule out covid 19 & complete a test (if Negative they can return the following day)
- OR your child can return once symptoms have subsided.
- The staff member will then be required to thoroughly wash hands for 20 seconds.
- Once the child has left the setting all surfaces & equipment will be disinfected
- No further action will be taken until the setting has been notified of the test result.

## Following a positive test confirmation

- We will continue to notify the parents of every Covid 19 positive case within their child's room, inline with our Sickness & illness policy.
- We will always try our utmost to minimise any outbreaks and will inform ALL parents if there is an increased number of cases within one room.
- We will not be able to report any suspected cases.

## Vaccination & Testing

- We recommend all staff take up the offer of a vaccine



- The government is no longer providing Little Cherubs and other childcare settings with LFT and advised not to continue twice-weekly asymptomatic testing but are asked to continue to act responsibly.
- Staff are welcomed to continue to regularly test at home using LFT to help minimise any outbreaks
- Should your child show symptoms for COVID-19 you will be required to take a LFT test or PCR or to stay away from the setting until the symptoms subside.
- **We do not carry out any type of covid-19 testing at Little Cherubs for children or staff.**

## Social distancing

- From 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the childcare 'bubbles' will not apply within nursery settings.
- We ask parents to kindly wait at the door for a manager or staff member to collect & bring you your child on drop off & pick up.
- Parents are currently not permitted to enter the building without prior appointment with managers.
- Sydenham nursery - Please do not enter the 'garden' area if any children are present in the garden. Wait at the first gate.

## Childcare costs

- The nursery will always endeavour to be reasonable during any nursery closure periods.
- Should the setting continue to remain open, then full nursery & staff operating costs are still in place.
- If your child is due to start at the setting during a room or nursery closure, the days will resume as soon as the room opens. You will not be charged during this period.
- Any new parents that have made payments the costs will be credited to your childcare account. This can be used towards your future childcare.

## Deposits

- If you have paid a deposit for your child to start at Little Cherubs & your child has covid 19 – we are happy to delay the start date to resume within 1 week of your original planned start date at no extra cost.
- If you decide to delay your start date for any reason past 1 weeks, part of your original deposit will be lost.
- If you decide to delay your start date past 2 weeks, unfortunately your original deposit will be lost & you will need to reapply for a place.

### Deposit Terms & conditions

#### Registration Fees are non-refundable at any point

Delay Start date due to positive Covid 19 (Within the same month of original start date)	Free of Charge This will be a new set date based on availability
Delay Start up to 1 weeks	Free of Charge
Delay Start 1-2 weeks	£150 loss of deposit
Delay Start 2 weeks +	Loss of deposit – unfortunately you may need to reapply for your space as we cannot hold this for this length of time
This is providing that the management team do not have other children booked into start & your date can be accommodated.	