



Chelsea Open Air Nursery School

**Chelsea Open Air Nursery School COVID-19 Policy
Precautions, Practice & Procedures**

The policy above will be monitored and evaluated following the policy cycle at
Chelsea Open Air

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This Policy outlines the Chelsea Open Air response in relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic 2020/2021. It follows to the best of our ability guidelines set out by the UK Government and the Department of Education.

- These procedures and measures will be subject to change due to updated advice and guidance from the government and relevant medical and educational authorities.
- The school will remain open unless directed to close by the Government or Local Authority.
- If closed due to lockdown measures the school will remain open during term time to support the children of Keyworkers (as defined by the government) and vulnerable children. **If the school is unable to open for these children they will be directed to alternative provision.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

In the event of school closures children will be provided with a blended learning approach incorporating paper based learning packs and online provision. Please see our Blended Learning Action Plan.

What is Covid-19 / Coronavirus?

The World Health Organisation gives the following overview:

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol-based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

Check the NHS website if you think you or your child may have symptoms or view the information at the end of this document:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

How to stop infection spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

What the School Will Do

- The children's safety and well-being is our main priority as a staff team and all appropriate measures will be taken to support this.
- Staff experiencing symptoms will be advised to take a PCR test and will follow procedures for a positive or negative result.
- Please see current Risk Assessment for up to date procedures for testing and self-isolation.
- Provide staff (via DfE) with Lateral Flow Self-testing kits for regular use (Bi-weekly)
- Provide staff with PCR tests (via DfE) for home use if required.
- Parents will be notified of any confirmed cases of Coronavirus via the text messaging/email system and a sign on the door.

- A confirmed case or outbreak will be reported to the Local Authority and DfE in line with Government guidance. We will then follow their guidance and make any closures or other actions accordingly.
- In case of fire or emergency children and adults will leave the building via their nearest or safest fire exit and follow the usual procedures for evacuation.
- Staff will wash hands on arrival at nursery and frequently through the day.
- Staff will frequently clean surfaces such as taps and door handles with an antibacterial spray.
- If required staff will carry out social distancing measures. (Never at the risk of a child's well-being)
- Staff will be provided with PPE for use in school in line with DfE and PHE guidance.
- All toys will be frequently cleaned using an antibacterial spray/dishwasher or appropriate cleaning detergent.
- Windows and doors to the main classroom will be kept open to ensure ventilation. Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing.
- Stay & Play Sessions and other Community Programme activities will be continually reviewed.
- External visits and visitors will only occur where deemed safe in line with our Risk Assessment/Policies
- Drop off and Collection procedures will be amended as required
- Paediatric First Aid requirements will be met at all times
- The school will keep up to date with advice and directions from appropriate bodies and will amend practise and procedures accordingly.

What Parents/Carers Will Do

- Children and families will access testing if they have suspected symptoms and will follow procedures accordingly if diagnosed with COVID 19.
- Parents will inform school immediately of any confirmed cases of Coronavirus
- Read all school emails/letters to ensure they are up to date with any measures in place or changes.
- Parents will adhere to any current drop off & collection measures
- Parents entering the building must wash their hands/use a sanitising hand gel
- Provide their child with a named water bottle and snack each day in the provided plastic wallet.
- If possible, children will only use waterproof, wipeable bags to bring items into school. This bag will remain at school and only return home when clothing needs topping up or at the end of term.
- Ensure all children's belongings are clearly labelled with their names and that all children have sufficient spare clothing.
- Will not leave pushchairs at school. Scooters may be stored neatly in the front entrance way and must not block any entrance or exit ways.

What Children Will Do

- Children under 18 do not need to self-isolate if they come into contact with or live with someone who has tested positive for Coronavirus.
- Any children experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus will follow government guidance for self-isolation or testing.
- Where possible children's bags containing spare clothes etc. should be waterproof and easy to wipe down.
- Children should only bring their coats and snack bags into school each day. (No unnecessary items)
- All clothing and other items will be clearly labelled with names.
- Children will thoroughly wash hands on arrival at Nursery before playing or touching any toys.
- Children will wash hands regularly throughout the day, especially before eating.
- If a child becomes unwell with suspected Coronavirus they will be isolated in a well-ventilated room with a familiar adult until they can be collected. This room will then be cleaned before further use.
- Regular sessions with a focus on hygiene, handwashing and spread of germs will take place to support children's understanding. Songs games and stories will be used to support this.
- Children will not share food or drink.
- Drink only from their own named water bottle, milk carton or their own cup at lunchtime.

See also our Supporting Children who are Sick, Infectious or with Allergies and Wise Before the Event policies