



# One World

MONTESSORI NURSERY

## **COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan**

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# Introduction

This plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

We implement measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Public Health England (PHE) and the North West London Health Protection Team, and by following government guidance.

These measures will be implemented to help prevent the spread of infection within our nursery setting, to manage a COVID-19 outbreak or cluster, to react to high COVID-19 infection rates in the community or when all measures in place are still failing to reduce risk and infection.

## Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection

Hygiene and social distancing remain the two key elements of infection prevention and control. We have therefore made the decision to keep the following procedures in place:

- Any child, staff member, parent or visitor with symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend nursery and must isolate at home.
- Any person displaying symptoms of COVID-19 must not return to nursery until they have completed the required isolation period and/or received a negative COVID-19 test, in line with government guidelines.
- Enhanced cleaning processes will remain in place within the nursery.
- We will ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Bubble systems will remain in place within the nursery ensuring that contact between groups of children is minimised wherever possible.
- Parents and staff members should wear masks during drop off and collection times.
- Adults other than staff members will be allowed into the nursery during opening hours only if essential to a child's development or well-being, or to manage an essential need (for example, site maintenance).
- Staff members will have access to bi-weekly Lateral Flow Testing, and results will be recorded within the setting.
- Ventilation is a key part of infection control; windows will remain open and outdoor play will be encouraged.

## Management of an Outbreak of COVID-19

Several confirmed cases of infection in children or staff members within a 14-day period will indicate a COVID-19 outbreak. In the event of an outbreak, we will call the DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 and select option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case. The Helpline will escalate the case to the local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional actions are required. Actions might include:

- A more intense deep clean.
- Partial closure of areas in the nursery.
- Isolation of identified children or staff members in accordance with Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Investigation by the LA Health Protection Team.

## Management of a Cluster in the Setting

When there are increased cases of infection in children or staff members that are concentrated in one bubble group over a 14-day period, this may be referred to as a COVID-19 'cluster'. In such an event, we will take further advice from PHE. Actions might include:

- Closing the bubble group.
- Instructing all staff members connected with a positive case to take daily Lateral Flow tests for 10 days.
- Any person contacted by NHS Test and Trace must isolate in accordance with government guidance.

## Reaction to High Infection Rates in the Local Community

If we are contacted by PHE or the local authority regarding a high level of infection in the local community, the following actions may be recommended:

- Trips and outings in the area limited or stopped completely for all children.
- Events and social days at the nursery cancelled.
- Visitors not permitted onto the nursery site unless essential to a child's development or well-being, or to manage an essential need (for example, site maintenance). Any visitors that are permitted on site must wear full PPE and give their details to allow the nursery to manage contact tracing if needed.

# Actions Following High Levels of Risk and Infection

Attendance restrictions will only ever be considered as a last resort as directed by Public Health England. We recognise the importance of continuity of care and education for children from 0 to 5.

If attendance restrictions are needed, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will still be allowed to attend.

**One World Montessori Nursery wishes to remain transparent in all proposed actions and advice that we receive from any of the above-mentioned professionals. We thank you for adhering to our safe operating procedures outlined in our COVID-19 Policy and Risk Assessment, and for taking the time to read this Outbreak Management Plan.**

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