



Wye Under Fives Preschool

COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan, 1st September 2021

Introduction

The Wye Under Fives COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan is based on the contingency framework for managing local outbreaks of COVID-19, provided by the Department for Education.

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf)

We implement measures in this plan in response to recommendations provided by our local authority, the Director of Public Health, Public Health England, our local health protection teams or by following government guidance. These measures will be implemented to help prevent the spread of infection within our preschool; 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

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Wye under Fives have worked hard to ensure our everyday practices help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone through frequent and thorough hand washing, respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it) and maintaining an appropriate cleaning regime as well as social distancing all continue to be key elements of infection prevention and control.

We have made the decision to keep the following procedures in place:

- Any child, staff member, parent or visitor with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend Wye Under Fives and we advise that they must isolate at home and follow the current Government guidance.
- Children will not be accepted into Wye Under Fives to attend their session if they have been given fever reducing medication, at a parent's or carer's discretion, after 4am on the day of their session (or after 9am for children attending an afternoon session).
- Any person displaying symptoms must not return to Wye Under Fives until they have completed the required isolation period and/or received a negative COVID-19 test in line with Government guidelines.
- Children with high temperatures cannot return until 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without the assistance of any medication.
- Increased cleaning processes will remain in place



- Team members will continue to socially distance from parents during handovers and wear face masks. We ask that parents also wear facemasks during handovers.
- Staff members carry out Lateral Flow device Testing twice weekly (Wednesdays and Sundays) until advised otherwise by the government (due for review by Public Health England/Department for Education in September 2021)
- Ventilation is a key part of infection control. Outdoor play is encouraged and doors and windows will remain open as much as possible where safe to do so.

Management of an Outbreak of COVID-19 in our Setting

- If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed, we will immediately advise Ofsted by email.
- We will advise the family that they must contact NHS Test and Trace.
- We will follow the advice given by NHS Test and Trace and comply fully with their suggestions.
- We will follow advice from Public Health England. Actions may include a number of measures: a more intense deep clean; closure of the setting; isolation of identified children or staff members; further investigation by the Local Authority Health Protection Team.
- We will instruct all staff members connected with the 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
- If there we are not able to maintain legal staff to children ratios, then we will prioritise attendance in the setting as follows:
 1. Cared for and Vulnerable children
 2. children of key workers
 3. children due to transition to primary in September 2022
 4. all other 3 year olds
 5. all other 2 year olds.
- On site at all times will be a Safeguarding Lead, member of management and Paediatric first aider.

Reaction to high infection rates in the local community

Wye Under Fives regularly check the local infection rates, as given to the public. If contacted by the Director for Public Health or our Local Authority regarding a high level of infection in the local community the following actions may be taken:

- Visitors will not be permitted into our setting unless essential to a child's development or well-being or to manage an essential need (such as essential site maintenance). Any visitor permitted on site will be expected to provide evidence of a negative Lateral Flow Test and wear a facemask.
- If events have been booked for families, such as picnic or sports day, these will be cancelled.
- Staff will be asked to complete daily LATERAL FLOW TEST tests.



Actions following high levels of risk and infection

Attendance restrictions will only be used as a last resort, in the following situations:

- maintenance of staff to children ratios cannot be safely maintained;
- we are in the area of a local lockdown; or
- a national lockdown is brought in by the government.

In these situations, we would ask the following:

- if you are able to keep your child home, please do so.
- Only vulnerable children or children with parents that are critical workers may attend.

Wye Under Fives thank you for reading this Outbreak Management Plan. We ask that you also take the time to read our latest COVID-19 Risk Assessment, which is updated regularly.

At all times, the safety of the Wye Under Fives Family is paramount – that our children, staff and parents/carers are kept as safe as possible - through our actions, by taking advice from our Local Authority, Public Health England and the Department for Education and following the current Government guidance wherever possible.

If you have any questions, please contact either manager@wyeunderfives.co.uk or committee@wyeunderfives.co.uk

Outbreak Management Plan written by Wye Under Fives Pre-School

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Date to be reviewed On-going as per changes to Government Guidance.

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Guiding Documents:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf

https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020.01.09_a4actioncard_early-years-settings.pdf