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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 our local authority (LA), the director of public health (DPH), Public Health England (PHE) our local health protection teams or by following government guidance.

These measures will be implemented to help prevent the spread of infection within the nursery settings, 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.

It is important that everyone complies with the latest Government guidance on Coronavirus. Compassionate leadership is at the heart of offering continued nursery care and we will do everything we can to be honest, open and to communicate with you. There will be a lot of anxieties and we acknowledge that it is okay to feel worried and that COVID-19 and the lockdown has had an impact on everyone. Everyone involved in the day to day running of the nurseries will receive appropriate instruction and training on how to operate safely.

Measures to prevent the spread of infection

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, we have been pleased with our Safe Operating Procedures and the adaptations we have made to our everyday practice to ensure we offered, and continue to offer, our staff and children a safe environment. Hygiene and social distancing remain the two key elements of infection prevention and control. We have made the decision to keep the following procedures in place



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- Any child, staff member, parent or visitor with coronavirus symptoms must not attend nursery and must isolate at home.
- Children will not be accepted into nursery if they have been given fever reducing medication, at parent's discretion. Children with temperatures cannot return until they have been 24 hours fever free, without the need of medication to assist, in line with PH DfE guidelines.
- Any person displaying symptoms must not return to nursery until they have completed the required isolation period and/or received a negative coronavirus test, in line with government guidelines.
- Increased cleaning processes remain in place.
- Team members continue to socially distance from each other and during parent handovers.
- Parents and staff members will wear masks during drop off and collection at nursery.
- Staff members carry out regular Lateral Flow Device testing (due for review by PH, DfE in December 2021)
- Ventilation is a key part of infection control, doors and windows remain open and outdoor play is encouraged.
- All persons travelling outside of the UK must adhere to instructions and testing in line with the government guidance.

Management of an Outbreak of COVID-19 in a nursery setting

When the nursery infection cases of children or staff members reach 10% in a nursery setting over a 14 day period this may be referred to as a COVID-19 outbreak. Hope Spring Nursery will take further advice from PHE. Actions may be:

- A more intense deep clean



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- Restrictions of people entering the nursery building
- Partial closure of areas in the nursery
- Isolation of identified children or staff members
- Investigation by the LA Health Protection Team

Reaction to high infection rates in the local community

Hope Spring Nursery ensure that they are up to date with infection records. If contacted by DsPH or the LA regarding a high level of infection in the local community the following actions may be recommended:

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

Actions following high levels of risk and infection

Attendance restrictions will only be used as a last resort. Our requests would be presented in the following order:

- If you are able to keep your child home to please do so.
- Only vulnerable children and those whose parents are critical workers may attend.
- Only vulnerable children and those with both parents as critical workers may attend.



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Hope Spring Nursery wish 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 and Risk Assessments and for taking the time to read this Outbreak Management Plan.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on;

manager@hopespringnursery.org or call us on 0113 210 0164 / 07751581938.