

Let's be safe, you and me

**STOP THE SPREAD
OF CORONAVIRUS**

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Introduction

We understand that this is a worrying time for everyone with the UK Government taking stronger steps to try and control Covid-19. We want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to maintain a safe and healthy environment for your child without impacting upon their learning opportunities.

We are pleased that the Government have recognised the importance of education and we are delighted to stay open to welcome your child during the autumn and winter months, throughout the UK, no matter the restrictions in place in your local area. We will continue to ensure that our robust safety and health controls reflect best practice public health advice, and we assure you that protecting our staff and your children is our priority.

Working with us

We kindly ask that you work with us to ensure that we can keep our centres as safe as they can be. Our centre teams are here to help and support you through these unusual times and that's why we ask that you please let us know if any of the following apply to you or your family and do not come to nursery as this increases the risk of spreading the virus.

- Do you or your child have any symptoms of Covid-19 such as a temperature, loss of taste or smell or a new continuous cough? If yes, please do not come to the nursery, self-isolate and get a test
- If you or your child has been advised to self-isolate by Public Health or NHS contact tracers or the Covid-19 app, please follow their advice
- If you or anyone in your household or support bubble has had a Covid-19 test and are awaiting results, please self-isolate until you receive your results and do not come to nursery
- Have you have been in contact with someone you know has tested positive for Covid-19? If yes, please self-isolate, do not come to nursery and get a test if you have symptoms



Please follow government guidance and local restrictions, practice good hygiene, make space for others and avoid contact with anyone showing symptoms or testing positive for Covid-19. If you are in doubt about your health or that of your child, we ask that you seek and follow medical advice before coming back to nursery.

Please speak with us if you have any worries, concerns, or wish to have clarification before you attend nursery.

Coming to nursery

- We would ask that where you can, please wear a face covering when dropping off or picking up your child from nursery
- Please allow 2 metres between other parents and staff wherever possible and follow any markings on the floor, directional signage or posters displayed

- Please do not congregate around the entrance door and wait for our staff to beckon you into the nursery at safe intervals. Please follow the direction of staff as to how pick-up and drop-off is being managed at your nursery
- Please dress appropriately for being outside longer than you usually would, especially in unfavourable weather conditions

Hello and welcome

- We will continue to protect the children and our staff teams by reducing the number of people who come into our centres and visits that take place. If you have a particular need to speak to the Centre Director, we ask you to please book an appointment.
- Anyone who is spending any time in the nursery will have their temperature taken on entry, this includes all staff, children, and visitors. We will not permit entry to anyone who has a temperature of 38 °C or more and if your child develops one throughout the course of the day, we will contact you and ask for your child to be collected. Please ensure we have your latest contact details.
- At the entrance, our staff will wear disposable apron, gloves, and a face mask to protect them and you whilst taking temperatures.
- We kindly ask all visitors to wash their hands on entry to the nursery and we have hand sanitising stations available at all centre entrances where hand washing is unavailable.



Safe and familiar environment

- Throughout the day staff will continually monitor the health and wellbeing of the children and each other. Should anyone develop symptoms associated with Covid-19, then they will need to leave the setting and self-isolate. We would strongly encourage you to get a test completed so we can establish if there is any risk to other children or staff.
- If we do become aware of anyone who has been in our nursery having Covid-19, we will let you know as soon as we are able and provide you with information of any action you may need to take. We will always complete a deep clean and follow public health advice to ensure the risk is minimised.
- We undertake regular cleaning of all resources, fixtures and fittings with an anti-viral cleaner, prioritising areas that are regularly touched in line with our robust cleaning regime.
- Layouts, furnishings and resources in all our rooms have been reviewed so our environments remain as familiar as possible with exceptional learning opportunities but unfortunately, we have had to remove malleable play, such as sand and water to reduce the infection control risk. If you wish to enjoy these learning opportunities at home then visit your Busy Bees UP app for ideas and top tips.

Supervision and supporting your child with safety in mind

- Children will be supported by their key person but in designated bubble groups and our staff will not transfer between these groups or rooms. Each bubble group will have structured activities which allow the children to move around and interact with each other. This allows your child's key person to continually interact with the children they care for, and always be on hand to support learning and to provide comfort and reassurance whenever it is needed.
- We will not be restricting the movement of children whilst in their rooms but, we may need to timetable some activities, like garden time to ensure that our staff can remain in their bubbles as much as possible.
- As they always have, our staff will wear appropriate PPE when toileting children, changing nappies and helping children at mealtimes and at all times will be complete these activities using time separation and children and staff will remain in their bubble groups.
- The babies in our nursery learn and explore through touch and often place items in their mouths and this is not something we want to restrict but we do need to keep everyone safe. Our educational resources in these rooms will now be provided to the children individually so we can ensure that items are thoroughly cleaned and sterilised between use.
- All our outdoor spaces will be accessible for all our children, with structured activities so children can enjoy their experiences in their bubble groups, whilst staff can still practice effective distancing. We ask parents to provide suitable outdoor clothing for the current season so that children can enjoy the learning opportunities nature provides.
- Emotional wellbeing is paramount to enabling learning, and never more important than in these changing times. If your child requires a comforter, such as a teddy bear, to settle into nursery in the morning or to support their sleep then please provide this for them. When it is not required staff will place this into your child's bag for safe keeping.

Safety with Buzz, helping the children understand

We understand that the changes that children are currently experiencing may create a lot of questions and to help with any explanations we will be encouraging our staff to use our unique safety programme Safety with Buzz, available to all Busy Bees families via your UP app.

To find out more visit our website: <https://www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk/lets-be-safe>