


Risk assessment for : Tigers Day Nursery Ltd







Risk assessment name	Managing Coronavirus - Easing of restrictions	Assessment type	 General
Assessor name	Jane Tubb	Affected site(s)	Tigers Day Nursery Ltd (RG18 3QY)
Assessment date	25/02/2022	Review period	Custom
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Description




Risk assessment to manage new guidance and easing of lockdown in England







Overall risk rating : 15 (**Medium**)

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls
 Clinically vulnerable employees and children	All staff, Contractors, Management, Operators, Student / pupil, visitors	 Guidance for all Shielding for clinically vulnerable staff and children has now been withdrawn although we continue to work closely with individuals who are more susceptible to picking up the virus. Pregnant staff and those with complex health conditions have individual risk assessments in place to monitor them. We support and encourage all staff to take up the vaccine offer. Those children classed as CV have risk assessments in place and regular monitoring from their clinicians is shared with the setting.
 Complications for children	Student / pupil	 Awareness of vulnerability Although children are classed as the least 'at risk' group from Coronavirus, there are still concerns that in rare cases children can become susceptible to Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) or Kawasaki disease which may be linked to COVID-19. Although rare it is important for us to be aware of those symptoms which include high temperature, flu like symptoms, feeling and being sick, diarrhoea. widespread burn like rash, lips, tongue and whites of the eyes turning red, dizziness or fainting, difficulty breathing, confusion, swollen glands in the neck, dry, cracked lips and swollen fingers and toes. Any child presenting with these symptoms should be referred immediately to 111. Children can often be carriers of COVID-19 and be asymptomatic, not displaying any telltale signs of illness so we will monitor rises in temperature in accordance with our managing coronavirus policy

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 <p>Individuals returning from 'traffic light regions'</p>	<p>All staff, Management, Members of the public, Student / pupil, visitors</p>	 <p>Regular updates to guidance Please check guidance to your chosen destination. It is no longer required to have a PCR test when returning to the UK from overseas</p>
 <p>Monitoring of changes to guidance</p>	<p>All staff, Management, Members of the public, Student / pupil, visitors</p>	 <p>Reacting to cases Response to increase in spread of infection locally or outbreak in the setting we will seek advice from our Public Health Authority and may be advised to implement our outbreak management plan (see supporting evidence)</p>  <p>Updates to guidance The COVID-19 pandemic is a fast moving situation so at the nursery and Training Centre we will ensure we keep up to date with current advice and guidance from the UK Government, as well as Public Health England, our Local Authority Early Years Teams and Ofsted. The Operations Manager receives regular updates to inform the risk assessments and practice within the setting. There may be times where our individual position at the time will mean we may not make changes within guidance but this will be to extend restrictions as a precaution rather than drop them. We regularly have large numbers of children, families, visitors and staff in our settings and we may maintain some restrictions in order to keep everyone as safe as possible and minimise the spread of the infection. We maintain the right to seek PH or DfE advice on individual cases and amend our actions as we see fit to ensure everyone's safety and to minimise the spread of the infection.</p>

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 <p>Poor hygiene practices, handling and disposal of clinical waste</p>	<p>All staff, Management, Members of the public, Student / pupil, visitors</p>	<p> Enhanced hygiene and cleaning practices</p> <p>Throughout the pandemic we have enhanced our usual cleaning and hygiene practices and will continue in this manner. Children and staff wash their hands frequently throughout the day and staff use the hand sanitiser dispensers when entering or leaving a room. They also sanitise their hands after skin to skin contact with a child entering or leaving the building. All soft resources are washed weekly at 60 degrees in line with NHS guidance and hard toys and resources are cleaned each day after use. Resources that are shared are cleaned before being used by another group. We are continuing to provide nappies for children to reduce the amount of items being brought into the setting and children are having nappies changed at the feet end. All carpets throughout the setting and Training Centre are cleaned fortnightly and fogging takes place throughout in the evenings every two weeks. The maintenance team can fog in between in response to several cases in one room/setting</p> <p> Handling of contaminated waste</p> <p>All waste is disposed of in large outdoor bins which are disposed of regularly by outside contractors. Any waste being disposed of that has been used by a symptomatic person e.g. PPE, will be double bagged, labelled with the date and time and stored in the allocated yellow bin for the required 72 hours when it can then be disposed of in our usual refuse. Staff use gloves and aprons to handle bins and waste.</p>

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 <p>Spread of infection within the nurseries/Training Centre</p>	<p>All staff, Management, Members of the public, Student / pupil, visitors</p>	<p> Cautious lifting of restrictions on entry As of 6th September we will be cautiously lifting some of the restrictions we have had in place for parents and visitors to the nursery but this can change very quickly if we are advised to do so in reaction to local or national data. As of 6/9/21 parents will be able to bring their children into their settings, and collect them but not enter their base rooms. We ask that parents are symptom free and use hand sanitiser. Face coverings are no longer mandatory but staff will respect parental requests to wear a face shield on handovers if required. Staff, parents and visitors can choose to wear a face covering if they wish. Also prospective parents can be shown around during working hours from this date. They must declare they are symptom free and use sanitiser. Contractors will be able to enter the setting, again at the discretion of the Nursery Managers. Outside agencies such as SLT/physios etc will be able to visit children in the setting inside, as long as they are symptom free and use hand sanitiser.</p> <p> Good ventilation Staff in the nurseries will ensure there is good ventilation in the rooms where children and staff are. Windows will be open and as much time as possible will be spent outside. Most external classes can be indoors or outdoors dependent on the weather but if inside the areas will be well ventilated. Early Years settings have been provided with CO2 monitors to measure and adjust the air quality. These should be used in line with the CO2 monitor risk assessment.</p> <p> Notification of cases in the setting We will notify parents of cases in their child's room with notices on the doors as per our usual infection policy. We will no longer notify all parents of a case in the setting, just directly in their child's room. If cases rise and/or if we have an outbreak we will seek advice from our Local Public Health Authority and may implement our 'Outbreak Management Plan' if this is advised (see supporting evidence)</p> <p> Regular testing Testing is no longer required for asymptomatic cases. Testing will only be completed when staff or children have symptoms of coronavirus (raised temperature, new persistent cough, loss or change to sense of taste or smell). Close or household contacts are no longer required to test, unless they experience symptoms. If a child has a raised temperature we will send them home as per our usual sickness policy and parents are able to monitor them for 24 hours if they wish. If they are able to maintain a normal body temperature and are well without the aid of medication, they are able to return to the setting. If they maintain a temperature or develop a further temperature we will request a test before they return again. Staff will test if they develop symptoms.</p> <p> Social distancing The need for social distancing has been removed. We will re implement this if required</p>

Further control measures

None required

Supporting evidence

[Coronavirus vaccine policy.docx](#)

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[_how_to_use_co2_monitors_in_education_and_childcare_settings.pdf](#)

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[childcare settings policy - learning to live with COVID.docx](#)

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