

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy

Policy statement

At Kamelia Kids we take the health and safety in our nursery extremely seriously. Our commitment is to follow the advice of Public Health England, Government and the NHS guidance and make our nursery as safe as we can, mitigating the risk of spreading coronavirus or other infectious diseases. This policy includes the measures we are actively taking to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. You are requested to follow all these instructions diligently, to sustain a healthy and safe nursery. It is important that we all respond responsibly and transparently to these health precautions and safety measures in place.

This coronavirus (COVID-19) policy is liable to changes with the introduction of additional or revised guidelines. If so, we will update you as soon as possible by email. This coronavirus policy applies to all employees, children and their families/ carers and visitors.

What is a coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a common type of virus. They typically cause fever and a cough, which may progress to more severe pneumonia, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties in some people, according to Public Health England (PHE).

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei province, China. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild and most of those who have died have had pre-existing health conditions.

Because little is known about this new strain of the virus, it is not clear how it is spread, however, similar viruses tend to be spread by coughs and sneezes - so the way the infection gains entry to the body is the same as the way it exits and spreads to others.

It is also possible that the virus may be spread by touching a surface or object that has been coughed or sneezed on by someone with the virus - such as by touching a doorknob or shaking hands with someone and then touching your face.

There is currently no specific cure for the new coronavirus, so treatment is aimed at relieving the symptoms.

What are the symptoms?

The NHS advises that symptoms of the coronavirus usually include:

- feeling tired
- difficulty breathing
- a high temperature
- a persistent cough
- a loss or changed sense of smell or taste (also called anosmia).

Procedures

- The procedures to follow are outlined in the Coronavirus Risk Assessment which details specific actions that must be taken to protect employees, children, and their families/ carers and visitors from a potential coronavirus infection.
- The risk assessment is updated when government guidance is issued. Updates are shared with all staff via email and a copy updated on our website.
- Alongside these procedures our existing policies apply.

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- Specific procedures and guidance are in place for staff to carry out home lateral testing, effective 22/03/2021.
- Detailed procedures are in place for the nursery to staff test results.

Legal framework

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017)

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<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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