



First Bridge Centre - COVID-19 Site Operating Procedures (Updated 05/01/2022 Omicron variant)

These guidelines are intended to outline the precautionary measures we will implement to reduce the spread of COVID-19 disease in our centres. These guidelines are based on Public Health England and Department for Education guidance for educational settings and their key workers.

The fundamental principle of this guidance is to ensure physical distancing between identified groups and to implement good hygiene practices. The design of our settings as a relatively small communities for day care on non-domestic premises and further subdivided rooms, greatly assists our ability to create physical distance between groups and cluster children into specific cohorts or 'bubbles'. If you have any questions about the guidance below please contact your Head teacher.

Area of Focus	What we are doing
Pick up and drop off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ask all our families to limit accompanying parents to one adult only at pick up and drop off. • We ask all parents to wear a face mask during pick up and drop off and whilst waiting in the queue. • Parents will not be allowed to enter the centre at pick up and drop off and we ask that parents maintain social distancing measures whilst waiting in the queue. • Handover of your child will be at the door of the nursery and your therapist will take the child with minimum physical contact and maintain social distancing. • Our therapists will wear PPE for handover. • Any child displaying COVID symptoms, high temperature, persistent cough, loss of sense of taste or smell will not be allowed to attend nursery.
COVID symptoms and Isolation guidance	<p>Displaying COVID Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most common symptoms of COVID 19 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A persistent cough ○ A high temperature (over 37.8 degrees) ○ Loss of sense of taste or smell • If you or your child displays any COVID symptoms you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inform your centre immediately, detailing when the symptoms first started. ○ Do not attend your session ○ Arrange to have a COVID test



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child displays COVID symptoms during the course of the day we will review these in context (e.g. teething, vaccinations) and continue to review over the session. If following review and, in the event of a high fever multiple temperatures being taken, we will contact parents and ask them to return to collect the child • During this time the child will be isolated in a designated Isolation room with their therapist until the parents arrive to collect the child. • Whilst you wait for the results of your test you should isolate at home and you may not attend sessions at the centre. • If you receive a negative test result and your child is feeling well they may return to sessions at the centre – in such cases please speak to your Head teacher to confirm before you come back to centre <p>Positive test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you receive a positive test you must inform the centre immediately and continue to isolate for the full quarantine period advised by NHS – this will usually be 10 days from when the symptoms first started. • If anyone in your home tests positive for COVID, you must inform the centre immediately and your household will have to complete a full quarantine period – 10 days –If any household has a positive covid case that child may not attend services even if their test is negative. if you return two negative lateral flow tests after day 6, your child will be able to attend nursery. • If a positive case of COVID 19 is confirmed at the centre, we will contact all parents of children who have been in direct contact with the confirmed case. These families should arrange for a PCR test and follow the above guidelines
Protecting our children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children will be encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival at the nursery and regularly throughout the day including following each session, toilet visits, lunchtime and outdoor play. • As far as possible we will keep our children in smaller groups within the centre minimising contact between groups to mitigate the spread of infection. • We will spread out activities and sleeping arrangements to best facilitate social distancing • Children will be supported in an age-appropriate ways to help them understand the routines and measures applicable to COVID 19 safety such as sneezing into tissues or elbows, washing hands regularly and understanding the concepts of social distancing • We will keep this site operating procedure (SOP) updated and should government advice change we will inform you of any amendments to our processes. • Sensory room and Assessment room will be limited to one child/therapist • We will continue with our enhanced covid cleaning routines
Daily routine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ask that parents limit the items that they bring in from home each day, clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles and weather appropriate outerwear. • We are able to store some buggies and scooters during the day, please contact your Headteacher if you require this.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to risk assess all daily activities and sessions to ensure that we minimise any risk of COVID infections.
Protecting our team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our team will be trained on all of our COVID safety practices. • We provide all of our team with PPE for travelling to and from the centre and for any in centre requirements. • Our team will follow safety guidelines when using public transport and, wherever possible, will walk, cycle or use private transport to get to work. • Team members will have their temperatures taken on arrival and will only be allowed to work should they be COVID19 symptom free and with a temperature under 37.8 degrees. • Team will wear masks whilst in communal areas of the centre and will aim to maintain social distance guidelines where suitable. • We will stagger our breaks to allow the team to maintain social distancing measures outside of the classrooms and in communal spaces. • Our team will take lateral flow tests every day and should a team member have to quarantine we will arrange a confirmation negative COVID 19 test before they return to work. • Team will have their own allocated resources to minimise possibility of contamination. • Any training required will be virtual where possible.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will limit the visitors to the nursery to those required only for maintenance or official purposes. • We will aim to have such visits out of hours where possible • Parents coming for assessment or settling their child will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remain in the assessment room or waiting area only. ○ Wear a face covering/mask. ○ Sanitise hands on arrival. • Parent meetings or conversations will be virtual where possible.

