

Busikids Covid-19 Risk Assessment & Checklist updated 4th February 2022:

Potential Hazards & Guidance on How to Control Them	Do you believe this hazard is adequately controlled? Y or N	Recommended Control Measures
Reduce the risk of the virus spreading through poor ventilation		
<p>When school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. Arrangements should balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.</p> <p>The ventilation of all areas will be monitored to ensure it is adequate and the environment remains safe and comfortable.</p>	Y	<p>Opening external windows will provide fresh air (where it is safe to do so), and external doors (not fire doors) are open which maintains air flow, as the children go outside.</p> <p>We also follow the advice of the Ventilation and air conditioning during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (hse.gov.uk)</p>
Reduce the risk of the virus spreading through social contact		
<p>COVID-19 can still be spread through social contact. The risk can be mitigated by reducing the number of people staff and pupils come into contact with during the day. It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles').</p>	Y	<p>New guidance means that there are no restrictions in place for schools. However, all staff and pupils remain aware of the benefits of minimising social contact. We are also asking parents to remain outside of the nursery for drop off/collection of their children for the majority of their sessions for foreseeable future.</p>
Risk of the virus spreading by maintaining good hygiene		
<p>Effective hand washing is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses such as Covid-19.</p> <p>Washing your hands properly removes dirt, viruses and bacteria and prevents them spreading to other people and objects which in turn can spread illnesses such as Covid-19.</p> <p>We have followed Public Health England advice on handwashing 20200520 COVID-19 Infection prevention</p>	Y	<p>Staff, pupils and visitors are instructed to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day particularly when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms, before and after eating, after using the toilet, after touching shared resources or after touching their face, blowing their nose, sneezing, coughing.</p> <p>Hand washing facilities are readily available in all rooms. Hand sanitiser is available in all rooms, public areas, eg hall ways, and outside front doors for parents/visitors.</p>

<p>...I Best practice hand washing-1 (1).pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk) Respiratory hygiene, e.g. the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to play an important part as well.</p>		<p>Staff role model the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to children, and assist the smaller children. Tissues are disposed of after each use, and hands are washed/sanitised</p>
<p>Risk of the virus spreading by maintaining a clean environment</p>		
<p>An appropriate cleaning schedule must be in place and maintained. This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Electroclean sanitise the nursery every 4 weeks. This includes all areas including playrooms and staff areas, all resources are made accessible as well as sleep areas. This is maintained inbetween the eriod by cleaning with a special product on a rota basis to ensure cleanliness is maintained. We also have cleaners who clean the nursery every evening. The cook is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen daily. Touch points are topped up regularly at times throughout the day and in the evening by the cleaners. Sleep sheets are only used by one child before being washed. All material based resources are washed in the washing machine.</p>
<p>Personal protective equipment and face coverings (PPE)</p>		
<p>Most staff will not be required to wear PPE beyond what they would be required to wear for their work. If a member of staff is having to isolate with a child displaying symptoms of Covid, while the child awaits collection, then PPE should be used if close contact is necessary.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Staff who are already using PPE to protect against non-COVID19 risks, will continue to do so. When caring for someone with COVID-19 symptoms a face mask should be worn if social distancing cannot be maintained and if contact is necessary, gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn.</p>
<p>Protecting people at higher risk of infection</p>		
<p>There are some groups who are still considered to be at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. T The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published guidance on protecting vulnerable workers, including Protect vulnerable workers - Working safely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (hse.gov.uk) and</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>The nursery will work closely with the parents and any other professionals of vulnerable children to provide care, support, education and carry out a risk assessment as necessary. The nursery will work closely with the parents and any other professionals of children previously considered extremely clinically vulnerable to support a return to school, carrying out a risk assessment as necessary.</p>

<p>Talking with your workers about preventing coronavirus (COVID-19) - Overview (hse.gov.uk).</p> <p>If a high level of staff absence means restricting child attendance, then priority access will be given to vulnerable children and those we consider to have challenging home circumstances. If a place cannot be offered and the setting has to close, we will liaise with the local authority.</p> <p>Some people who were previously considered to be extremely vulnerable, are no longer being advised to shield. these people should follow https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do</p>		<p>An individual risk assessment will be completed for any staff member who has significant risk factors or who is experiencing mental health issues due to COVID-19.</p> <p>A new & expectant mother risk assessment and individual Covid 19 risk assessment will be completed for all pregnant staff.</p> <p>An individual risk assessment will be completed for any vulnerable members of staff.</p>
<p>Reduce the spread of Covid 19 by following isolation guidelines</p>		
<p>Close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. Managers and employees should refer to the government guidance NHS Test and Trace in the workplace - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>An individual is legally required to self-isolate if they</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have tested positive for COVID-19 • have COVID-19 symptoms • live in a household with someone who has symptoms, unless they're exempt from self-isolation • have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace <p>Close contacts without symptoms are exempt from self-isolation if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are fully vaccinated • aged between 5 years and 18 and 6 months 	<p>Y</p>	<p>Busikids will follow Hampshire's guidelines and complete the online form to report one or more positive cases of Covid and any effects of the positive case(s) on the setting. We will also report any positive cases to Ofsted online on the 'report a serious incident' form. Should there be an outbreak (look up definition) or any help is required, then we will contact the local Health Protection Team for PHE, UKHSA 0344 225 3861.</p> <p>Staff and children are required to stay at home if they have COVID-19 symptoms and to seek a confirmation PCR test.</p> <p>Any staff displaying symptoms will be mindful not to come into contact with other staff. They will be sent home and asked to take a PCR test.</p> <p>If a child is displaying symptoms, their parents will be contacted. We will require a negative PCR test, a doctor's diagnosis, or the required isolation period. The child will be isolated, and the member of staff will wear full PPE if close contact is necessary. Where possible, the child will isolate outside, if required, the room</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they are taking part in a vaccine trial • are not vaccinated for medical reasons Instead, they will be advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days. Anyone who's LFD test comes back positive should isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test to verify the result. <p>Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts. They are advised to take aPCR test if the positive case is in their household.</p> <p>The 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive LFD/PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 5 days when they get a negative LFD result on day 5 & 6 of their isolation period and they do not have a high temperature.</p> <p>We recommend that all staff receive the Covid vaccination.</p>		<p>will be well ventilated. any rooms they have used will be thoroughly cleaned afterwards.</p> <p>Staff and pupils with a positive PCR result will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and will be supported to do so. Individuals who have tested negative on day 5 & 6 of their self-isolation period and do not have a temperature will be permitted to end their isolation and return to school on day 6</p> <p>Any adults identified as close contacts will be advised to take an LFD every day for 7 days. If the LFD is positive, they will not be required to take a PCR test, but will have to isolate.</p> <p>Parents, visitors and contractors are instructed not to attend site if they are displaying symptoms</p>
<p>Asymptomatic testing</p>		
<p>Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within educational settings. That is why, whilst some measures are relaxed, others will remain.</p> <p>Staff in all education and childcare settings should take one self-test at home either in the evening or morning before they return after the school break, then continue to test twice weekly at home</p> <p>Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive LFD result has been suspended from 11 January 2022. This means that staff and pupils who have had a positive LFD result and who are not displaying any symptoms will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Staff are asked to take a LFD test twice weekly to monitor their health. Staff who have a positive LFD test are required to self isolate for 10 days and will be supported to do so. Individuals who have tested negative on day 5 & 6 of their self-isolation period and do not have a temperature will be permitted to end their isolation and return to work.</p>

Additional information: Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)		
Managing a Covid case/Outbreak		
<p>An example of an outbreak would be: For most education and childcare settings, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period ● 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period <p>(Contingency Framework: Education & Childcare Settings)</p>	Y	<p>Busikids will follow Hampshire’s guidelines and complete the online form to report one or more positive cases of Covid and any effects of the positive case(s) on the setting. We will also report any positive cases to Ofsted online on the ‘report a serious incident’ form. Should there be an outbreak, or a child or adult is admitted to hospital with Covid, or any help is required, then we will contact the local Health Protection Team for PHE, UKHSA 0344 225 3861, or DfE help line 0800 046 8687, option 1.</p> <p>Please see Busikids’ separate Contingency Plan</p>

Further information:

Actions for early years and childcare during the COVID-19 pandemic Jan2022

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