

## Summertown Montessori Nursery

The threat of COVID-19 infection persists. We must remain vigilant and continue to work together to minimise disruption to children, families, and staff.

Therefore:

**DON'T** come to the nursery if you or your child displays the following symptoms:

- new, continuous cough
- high temperature ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- loss of smell/taste

If you are concerned about symptoms, please contact the NHS to arrange a PCR test on you and your children for COVID-19. We are unable to arrange testing for you.

As a single nursery unit, a positive case of COVID-19 will endanger the whole setting.

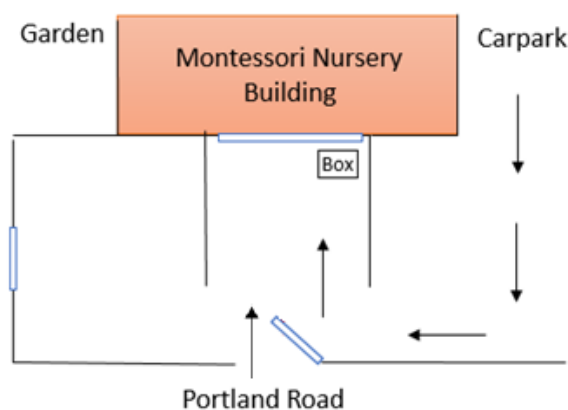
PLEASE NOTE:

Advice to date is that young children infected with COVID-19 suffer only mild effects in the main and transmit it poorly. **If your child is unwell, it could well be a non-COVID-19 illness, rather than COVID-19 itself.**

### Drop-off

All Parents/Carers

- Approach the entrance from the direction of the carpark (see diagram) or from the kerbside gate



- If someone is in front of you, please keep a respectable distance
- At the front door, ring the bell and place your child's lunchbox and personal bag in the box positioned at the entrance.
- On hearing a staff member approaching from inside, step back from the door.
- A staff member will open the door, receive your child and take the child's lunchbox and bag\*.

\* Essential items only (change of clothes/indoor shoes/nappies/wipes/cream) –NO TOYS, please!

- You are not allowed to enter the nursery building for the time being.

#### *For parent/carers of new children*

- we allow you to enter for up to 20 minutes during the first settling-in session.
- Please attend wearing a mask
- As a safety precaution, the receiving staff member takes your temperature.

#### **Pick-up**

- Approach the entrance as per drop-off and ring the doorbell.
- Your child will leave the building with their lunchbox.



## **Inside Nursery**

**We now know that infection by COVID-19 is primarily by airborne transmission, so good ventilation is very important.**

The nursery achieves good ventilation by a combination of manual (opening windows and internal doors) and technical (CO<sub>2</sub> monitor to measure indoor air quality combined with air-fan/purifier during colder months) efforts.

- Upon entering, children will wash their hands thoroughly.
- Children will follow a schedule of washing their hands regularly, as well as before/after eating, blowing their nose, sneezing/coughing and using outdoor equipment.
- All commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected by staff as necessary.
- The food and drink handling and serving procedure has been reviewed.
- Furniture, learning materials and toys have been rationalized based on ease of cleaning. All materials will be cleaned in accordance with usage.
- Outdoor activities will be maximized.
- Children will be reminded on how to catch coughs/sneezes in a tissue (as per our Catch-it, Bin-it, Kill-it poster), to avoid touching their eyes or putting objects in their mouths.
- Should a child show any COVID-19 symptoms, staff will wear the appropriate PPE (visor, gloves, and apron) in taking the child's temperature and if necessary, the Child with Symptoms procedure will be followed immediately (next page).

## Child with Symptoms

A child displaying the symptoms will be carefully isolated from other children and arrangements made to be sent home as soon as possible.

Once the child has left nursery, areas of contact will be disinfected and thoroughly cleaned. Staff and children who had contact will wash their hands thoroughly.

Parent/carer advised to ensure child is tested.

### Outcome of test

Parent/Carer informs the nursery immediately on the outcome of the test.

#### *Test Result is **Negative**:*

Child can return to the setting (if feeling well). Parent/carer may be asked to show evidence of test result.

#### *Test Result is **Positive**:*

Parent/carer should advise nursery that child is isolating. If a nursery individual is identified by Test and Trace as a close contact, they will be advised to undertake a PCR test (but will not need to isolate if double-vaccinated while awaiting the result of the test). If the PCR result is positive, they must isolate.

We are required to report all COVID-19 cases to the local authorities.

### Final Note

We will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, and any other illness, but we cannot guarantee an outbreak will not happen. Parents/carers send their child to our nursery at their own risk, meaning our nursery cannot be held responsible for any illness that their child might catch at nursery.