



Langa Street Nursery
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Dear Parents/carers

Updated Covid-19 guidance for nurseries, leavers celebration date and trip reminders

IMPORTANT – We are sending this via email and text message. **Future letters will go email only – if you do not receive an email this time, please tell us your correct details as soon as possible**

Please read the following information to understand the most recent changes to the covid guidance for nurseries, which comes into effect after Easter:

Area of Guidance	What is changing
Routine testing of staff	From 18 th April, it is no longer recommended for staff to do this weekly testing, and free test kits are no longer available for nursery to order for staff
Face coverings	Parents should wear a face covering when coming inside in nursery . Staff should wear them when not working directly with children
Physical distancing	Parents entering the building, and staff, should be mindful of physical distancing between them and other adults and avoid crowding
Parents coming inside at drop off and pickup times	This is now decided on a local basis. See the information below about what we are doing at Langa Street
Information letters when there has been a positive case of Covid-19 linked to nursery	Information letters will no longer always be sent out when there is a positive case
If your child has symptoms	<p>If your child has symptoms that could be Covid-19 – they should continue to stay off nursery and isolate, even if they do not feel unwell, and follow advice from NHS Inform.</p> <p>The most common symptoms are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new continuous cough[^] • fever/high temperature* (37.8C or greater) • loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia) <p>[^]A new continuous cough is where you have a new cough that's lasted for an hour, have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours or are just coughing more than usual.</p> <p>*A high temperature is feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back (you don't need to measure your temperature). You may feel warm, cold or shivery.</p>

We will continue with some of the existing measures:

- good frequent handwashing and teaching children how to do this,
- a good routine level of daily cleaning and enhanced cleaning if there has been a Covid-19 case,
- ensuring good ventilation indoors and monitoring levels of CO2

Parents inside nursery at drop off and pickup times

I am delighted to be able to welcome parents and carers back into nursery to drop off and collect children. I am acutely aware that all parents have missed this daily involvement with nursery and some of you have never set foot inside your child's nursery! I have put out online questionnaires to parents and staff and, based on the comments, the following arrangements will apply as of Tuesday 19th April – **please read carefully to avoid any confusion:**

- ❖ From Tuesday 19th April onwards, we welcome all **parents of children in the 2-3s Sunflower room** to come into the nursery at drop off time and when picking them up
- ❖ From Monday 25th April onwards, each week we will allow a group of **parents in the 3-5s Rainbow room** to come into the nursery at drop off and pickup time. There will be a different group each week, so as to reduce the numbers in nursery. **The groups each week will be displayed at the front door for you.**

When coming in, please:

- ❖ **do not** come inside nursery if you are feeling unwell with any symptoms that could be Covid-19
- ❖ **do** wear a face covering when coming indoors, and be very mindful of your physical distance to other adults
- ❖ **do** support your child to hang up their jacket and change their shoes (we ask you not to enter the children's toilet area)
- ❖ **do** ensure that you close any safety gates behind you to ensure the safety of other children
- ❖ we appreciate that on your first time indoors you may wish to quickly see the play-room and say hello to staff. After this first time **we would ask in general that you drop your child at the door to the room.** You should be able briefly pass on any important information to staff

We will now have much more opportunity to have parents inside nursery for stay and play sessions, parent groups, leavers celebrations etc. The purpose of the daily drop off is not to have extended conversations with staff but to say goodbye and hello to your child in a supportive way. **If there is a need for you to discuss anything in more detail, we would always try to facilitate this but you would need to ask us to arrange this.**

All of these changes follow the Government Guidance – **if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch**

As a reminder for the **nursery trip** to Mugdock Country Park on Friday 13th May, please make sure you have paid the £3 contribution as soon as possible and returned the consent slip. I will send out details soon of what your child needs to bring on the day, plus the departure times and other information

This year we will be having a **school leaver's celebration** - parents please save the date - you will receive an invite with more details. This will take place at nursery on the following dates (please note specific dates for different children):

<u>Tue 21st June</u> <u>10.00-11.00am</u>	<u>Wed 22nd June</u> <u>10.00-11.00am</u>	<u>Tue 21st June</u> <u>1.30-2.30pm</u>	<u>Wed 22nd June</u> <u>1.30-2.30pm</u>
Hailey	Ahmed	Milla	Simone
Agboola	Bara	Mostafa	Mason
Pehlaj		Lucy	
Thomas	Xin Yan		Hanlon
		Coletyn	Vincent
Aisosa	Olivia		
Grace	Eli	Cole	Millie Mae
Eilidh	Leo	Kaydi	Ellie
Reigan	Alex	Molly	Khaleesi
			Indie

I look forward to a busy and positive term ahead

Yours sincerely,

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