



COVID-19 POLICY

The policies and procedures set out below have been written following the publication of the Government's 'Living safely with illnesses like COVID-19' June 2022.

TESTING

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting; therefore the nursery will be unable to order test kits. Free COVID-19 tests are now only available to specific groups designated by the Government.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU DEVELOP COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. There is no longer a requirement to self-isolate but, in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19, it is suggested:

- 1) stay at home, if possible, for 5 days following a positive test
 - 2) if you do leave your house during the 5 days wear a mask, avoid crowded areas, wash your hands frequently
 - 3) to reduce infections at home wear a mask, keep your home well ventilated, wash your hand and clean frequently touched areas
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WHAT TO DO IF A LITTLE GRANGE CHILD DEVELOPS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Children with a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend the nursery.

However, if a child has a high temperature and is feeling unwell then they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to the nursery when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

If a child does take a test and it is positive, they should try to stay at home for three days which is when they are thought to be at their most infectious. If after three days they do not have a high temperature, the risk of them passing it on to others is lower and they can return to nursery

REPORTING

From 21 February, childcare providers do not have to notify Ofsted of any COVID-19 cases at their setting, whether in staff or children.

System of Controls to stop the spread of Covid 19

- Get vaccinated – this will stop you becoming very ill
- Increase ventilation indoors by opening windows
- Wash hands regularly
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Clean high contact points regularly
- Wear a face mask or covering
- Use the sanitiser regularly

Little Grange will follow the same risk assessment as the Rugby Schools Group.

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