

Baylis Court Nursery School – Covid-19 Pandemic Risk Assessment – March 2022

Please note:

Risk assessment could be changed at any time, if:

- Government guidance changes
- A number of staff and or children test positive for Covid-19 and the nursery was required to take extra measures to break chains of transmission as a temporary measure.

These changes could occur daily. We will review updated advice regularly. We will review the risk assessment in the light of any significant changes.

Site / school name:	Baylis Court Nursery School		
Name(s) of person(s) covered by this assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Staff • Cleaning staff • Contractors • Parents/carers 		
Tasks and activities covered by this risk assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and operation of nursery school - From 1st January 2022 		
Equipment and materials used:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General class and teaching materials • Outdoor equipment • Cleaning materials and equipment • Food 		
Location(s) covered by this risk assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All school premises and grounds 		
Name of person completing this risk assessment:	Nisha Gill	Date of completion:	30/03/2022
Risk assessment approved by:	Governing Body	Date of approval:	
Date risk assessment shared with staff:	Approved:		
Date risk assessment to be reviewed by:	Within one month of completion	Risk assessment no:	Version 8

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Record of risk assessment reviews 01-09-20 to 01-01-22

Date of review:	01-09-2020	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comments / date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First implementation as school opens from 01-09-2020. Next review 01-10-2020
Date of review:	01-10-2020	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comments / date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 Visitor Agreement and QR code for school set up for sign in purposes and NHS Track and Trace procedures. (Section 1).
Date of review:	04-01-2021	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comments / date of next review:	<p style="text-align: center;">Update (January 2021) in section 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be very mindful of moving to and visiting other classrooms. To do so only where unavoidable. • Use the phone system to communicate with office. • IPad charger relocated from office to piazza (next to TV). • As above, staff not to the main office unless unavoidable / absolutely necessary. • Not more than three staff at any one time in main office. • Use photocopier in staff development room. • Any paper / documents / photographs to be saved for shredding at end of the day when office staff have gone home.
Date of review:	01-03-2021	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comments / date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of ‘contact’ page 7. • Lateral flow device tests page 12.
Date of review:	14-06-2021	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comments / date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff participation in asymptomatic testing – twice per week • June 2021 - response to Covid-19 Variants of Concern (VoCs). See paragraph below.
Date of review:	30-08-2021	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comment/ date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced in light of Gov.UK updated guidance (17 August 2021). “Priority is for settings to deliver face to face, high quality education and childcare to all

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					<p>children. The evidence is clear that being out of education and childcare causes significant harm of educational attainment, life chance, mental and physical health”.</p> <p>This risk assessment will be reviewed by 30th September 2021 or earlier if nursery is advised to take extra measures to help break chains of transmissions.</p>
Date of review:	29-11-2021	Reviewed by:	P Gregory	Comment/ date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to take if individuals have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age.
Date of review:	24/01/2022	Reviewed by :	N Gill	Comment/ date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed as changes updated by DfE 20 January 2022 on Actions and Operations for the Early Years. Reduced isolation for staff and new testing regime.
Date of review:	30/03/2022	Reviewed by :	N Gill	Comment/ date of next review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes updated in DfE February 2022, testing only to be done in school if there is an outbreak. Test kits not to be distributed to staff for regular testing.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds or hand sanitising promoted. • Hand sanitiser available in classrooms, toilet areas, around the school and front lobby. • Group bubbles - are no longer required – mixing is permitted, without the need for close contacts to isolate. • Face coverings – are no longer recommended by central government to be worn in school. However, staff & who wish to continue to wear them can do so. Visitors are requested to wear a face covering when on site indoors. 			NG	
Drop off and collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of Frogs / Duck group are able to drop and collect their child from the classroom garden doors. This allows for great parent engagement whilst still taking precautions for social distancing. Parents of children who attend the two year old provision will be able to access the group entrance via the main hall (this will be a well ventilated public area of the nursery). 	Low		NG 28/02/2022	Low
Staff & Child Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any staff & children must self-isolate and not attend school if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) ○ They have tested positive for coronavirus • Where a child is not present this will be followed up to confirm reason for absence. Reasons will be logged. 	Low	Refer individuals to: Symptoms of coronavirus – Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Get a free PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) test - Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	NG 24/01/2022 and on going	Low

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers will be advised not to send their child/ren in to school if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus – see above. They are expected to be able to arrange collection of their child (immediately/asap) if they develop symptoms in nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children under 5 years who are identified as close contacts are exempt from self isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts. They are advised to take a PCR / LFD test if the positive case is in their household and asymptomatic. <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns listened to and addressed Risk assessment shared with all staff 		<p>Actions for early providers during the COVID-19 pandemic – Gov.UK</p> <p>Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/</p>		
Safeguarding	<p>Mental Health and Well-Being of staff/students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding – this remains a top priority and relevant training and support plans are in operation. 	Medium		NG – 24/01/2022 and ongoing	Medium
Premises / Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage used to promote hygiene (respiratory and hand) and social distancing will remain in place. Tissues & bins will remain in all rooms. Visitors are allowed but should sanitise hands and practice good respiratory hygiene, wearing face coverings on site. <p>Non-double jabbed adults are asked to socially distance themselves where possible.</p>	Low		NG – 24/01/2022 and ongoing	Low
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff requested to continue to self-test twice a week from home. This will be reviewed in line with government guidance. 	Medium	Regular rapid lateral flow tests: NO LONGER NEEDED February 2022	NG 28/02/2022	Low

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If they test positive at any stage, they must self-isolate and follow the current guidance • If they test positive, they must isolate & take a PCR test • If this comes back positive, they must self-isolate as per the guidance before returning to school • Double-jabbed staff who are close contacts will no longer need to self-isolate. They must take an LFD for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days. • You can take an LFD test from 5 days after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result. 		<p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/</p> <p>Get a free PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) test - Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>From 17th January 2022 You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.</p> <p>If you are notified by NHS Test and Trace of a positive PCR test result or notified by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate after reporting a positive LFD result, you must self-isolate and will be given guidance on when your self-isolation period can end.</p>	<p>NG 24/01/2022</p>	
Medical	<p>Staff or child taken ill with symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff / child member to be taken placed in isolation room, otherwise they must try to keep 2m apart. <p>Appropriate use of PPE in specific circumstances such as within 2m of a symptomatic student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase ventilation in the room if possible 	Medium		<p>NG – 24/01/2022 and ongoing</p>	Medium

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons who have been in contact with the symptomatic person must wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds 				
Outbreak	<p>In the event of five linked cases, within a clearly defined group and evidence of spread within the setting, to provide advisory information letter to identified group (e.g. class, year group, common activities group). This recommends that those who may have been in contact with the cases to take daily LFDs for 7 days (staff only for nursery). We will also inform our Covid-19 officer Slough Borough Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school may move to introduce greater control measures should cases rise 	Medium		NG – 24/01/2022 and ongoing	Medium
First Aid	<p>Wash/sanitise hands before and after treating a casualty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid resistant surgical mask and eye protection where there is a risk of respiratory droplets splashing into the eyes due to repeated coughing or vomit. Review Assessment of First Aid Needs Maintain stocks of PPE. When performing CPR phone an ambulance and use compression only CPR until the ambulance arrives. 	Medium		PG – 01/09/2021 and ongoing	Medium
Providing personal or intimate care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE provided (such as disposable gloves, disposable apron) Handwashing for at least 20 seconds after providing care 	Low	Parents /carers of children still in nappies encouraged to toilet train their child. This will help develop child's independence in self care skills.	PG – 01/09/2021 and ongoing	Low

Risk Rating	Description	Action Priority
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High	Where harm is certain or near certain to occur and/or major injury or ill-health could result	Urgent Action
Medium	Where harm is possible to occur and/or serious injury could result e.g. off work for over 3 days	Medium priority
Low	Where harm is unlikely or seldom to occur and/or minor injury could result e.g. cuts, bruises, strain	No action or low priority action