



Tilbury Nursery,  
Potters Bar United Reformed Church,  
Darkes Lane, Potters Bar,  
Hertfordshire EN6 1BZ.

Web: [www.tilburynursery.org.uk](http://www.tilburynursery.org.uk)  
Email: [info@tilburynursery.org.uk](mailto:info@tilburynursery.org.uk)

Manager: Mrs Daniela Drozd  
Nursery Mobile: 07854 843125

## **Covid-19 (Coronavirus) contingency planning for Tilbury Nursery**

As you will be aware, the situation regarding the COVID-19 and subsequent government plans are rapidly changing. We continue to follow the advice from Public Health England regarding our response. Currently, the guidance is clear that Early Years Providers should remain open as usual, but that we should take extra precautions such as encouraging regular and thorough hand-washing throughout the day, etc.

We are following guidance that washing hands is the preferred option to limit the spread of infection. Children in nursery are regularly washing their hands. We also have small amounts of alcohol-based hand gels in nursery that children are able to use under supervision.

Every morning children will use the disinfectant hand gel to disinfect hand before entering the nursery. Parents dropping off and entering the corridor area will disinfect their hands and enter only if they wear a face covering.

## **Nursery Closure**

In the event of nursery closure, parents will be informed via email and this information will be also be available on the website. We have remote access to these platforms so will be able to email with updates but please always check the nursery website which will provide the most up to date information.

It is important, if the nursery closes, that children are given opportunities to learn at home. A learning pack, books, online learning links and other resources will be sent home with your child on or before the day of closure but if the nursery needs to close suddenly, these packs will be emailed to parents. If we have to close for an extended period of time, further plans will be made to ensure children's learning can continue as much as possible.

## **New Children Settling in**

During this difficult time we would like to make the transition into our Nursery as smooth as possible for the new children starting. Therefore, we will allow one parent to come into the nursery if the child is upset and needs extra support for the settling in period. We advise adults to adhere to the social distance rule and if weather

permitting we will encourage children and parents to use the outdoor area for the settling in period.

### **Staff Absence**

It is possible that for a period of time, the nursery will be open but a higher than normal number of staff may be absent. If high staff absence does become the case, we will do everything we can to remain open, but on the grounds of health and safety we may have to take the decision to close. However, this would be a last resort.

### **Postponement of planned events**

In line with guidance, we have decided not to postpone any planned events or trips but this may change while we risk assess each event on a case by case basis. We will keep you up to date with decisions that are made. When making decisions our priority will always be the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and parents. We will continue to follow the guidance and in the event of more 'relaxed group gathering' guidance we will start organising events and invite parents into the nursery. Parents/Carers will be informed of such plans near the time via email.

### **Current advice on self-isolation**

There are updated guidelines regarding staying at home and self-isolating. Please use link for the most up to date information and advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We appreciate your patience, but as you will be aware this is a very fast-changing situation and we are doing what we can to be prepared for any decisions that are made. We will keep you updated as soon as we know any further information.

We ask for your continued support and cooperation as we take decisions in the best interests of our children and to safeguard and protect the health and welfare of our nursery community.