

Dear parents/carers

Monday 16th March - Update

- A parent has advised us this morning that she is self isolating her children in line with government guidelines due to symptoms. The children affected are in Sunbeams Room and Red Room and attend Mondays and Thursdays.
- A parent has advised us this morning that she is self isolating with her child in line with government guidelines due to symptoms. The child is in the Purple Room and attended Mondays and Tuesday of last week.
- A parent has advised they are isolating their child due to a new continuous cough (no temperature). The child attends Orange Room on Wednesdays.
- A parent has advised they are isolating their child due to high temperature. The child attends Orange Room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- A practitioner has reported she is self-isolating this week as another person in her household is symptomatic and self isolating. The practitioner works Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Orange Room.
- Our extended Entry/Exit and Illness and Medication procedures are in operation. For the safety of all the children and practitioners we cannot allow children with a temperature, or who have had medication that would mask their temperature, or have a new continuous cough into the nursery. We are periodically checking children's temperature within the nursery.
- If your child needs to be isolated, in keeping with government guidance this needs to be for a period of 7 days.
- Please think about the role that elderly and more at-risk relatives may play in your day to day childcare arrangements, and ask them to take every precaution if they are dropping off or picking up at nursery.
- Government guidance to Educational Settings (see link below) has been updated. We continue to use this to define our actions.

Please note - NONE of the above self isolations are as a result of a CONFIRMED diagnosis. Government policy is not now to test, instead to rely on individuals acting preventatively, or making a presumed diagnosis if they have symptoms. If we are informed any case is clinically CONFIRMED we will advise you, otherwise assume this is either a preventative action by parents, or as a result of a presumed diagnosis.

A fuller parent briefing will be issued tomorrow or Wednesday as the situation progresses. Our Coronavirus specific web page will be updated in the next hour or so. All details day by day will be available here:

<https://www.rainbownurseryschool.co.uk/covid-19>

Should you wish to discuss anything please email lisa@rainbownursery.info or call the nursery on 01937 557 115.

Kind regards,

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Directors