

Dear parents/carers

Tuesday 17th March - Update - further details <https://www.rainbownurseryschool.co.uk/covid-19>

- I'd first like to recognise the commitment and hard work of our practitioners so far this week. Amazing dedication and professionalism ladies - be proud of yourselves.
- I'd also like to thank all the parents who have acted responsibly and selflessly. Many of the isolations are from an abundance of caution rather than in response to high temperature or a new continuous cough. We thank you for your considerate actions.
- We do have new children whose parents are self isolating (see below), though I reiterate that none of these are as a result of a confirmed diagnosis, and many are precautionary actions by parents.
- The new entry/exit procedures are working as well as we can hope. Please do wash your hands and your children's hands on entry to the nursery where possible or use the wipes and hand gel where not.
- We have received feedback about the pens used for the registers - thank you - not a problem if parents wash/gel their hands before signing in their child, but to be safe we are now rotating and cleaning batches of pens daily. The register boards are also being disinfected daily.
- As you will be aware Purell hand gel or equivalent is in very limited supply. We are supplementing our stocks with our own mix using medical alcohol/vegetable glycerine and tea tree oil. It is 72% alcohol strength compared with Purell's 70% so antiviral properties are maintained, but it is a little thinner and leaves a little more residue.
- Due to staffing, we MAY find ourselves in a situation where we need to prioritise available childcare places. If you or anyone in your household are in essential front line services for example nurses, doctors, ambulance, armed forces please let us know using our parent notification form <https://forms.gle/CueTwBqW7XCHeQy5A>
- Government guidance to Educational Settings (see link below) has been updated. We continue to use this to define our actions.

#### Parent/staffing updates

- A further member of staff who works Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri in Sunbeams is self isolating as her partner is symptomatic and is self isolating. In keeping with revised government guidelines from yesterday she is self isolating for 14 days.
- Yesterday's member of staff who was also isolating due to her partner being symptomatic is also extending her isolation to 14 days inline with the revised guidelines.
- A parent is taking precautionary isolation with her family due to her having a cough but no fever. The children are in Sunbeams and Junior Club.
- A parent has advised us this morning that she is self isolating with her child in line with government guidelines due to a cough. The child attended Junior Club after school Tuesday of last week.
- A parent has advised us this morning that she is self isolating with her child due to a cough. The child attended Junior Club yesterday before and after school Monday through Thursday last week.

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.