



The **Olive** Garden
Nursery

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Policy for The Olive Garden Nursery - COVID-19 Site Operating Procedures

The fundamental principle of this guidance is to ensure physical distancing between identified groups and to implement good hygiene practices.

Focus	Area of consideration	Recommendations
Children	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only children who are symptom free should attend the setting.• Providers will be vigilant to any symptom's children come up with and send them home.• Children who are having medication for temperature control e.g. Calpol / Nurofen will not be able to attend the as these are designed to bring down a temperature. This will enable us to reduce the risk to both staff and children of any potential virus.

1	Physical distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are usually organised into three rooms. Wherever possible these groups should not mix during the day. For e.g., toddlers/ preschool 15/ 30 hours. • Care routines including provision of meals, nappy changing, and toileting should be within the space allocated to each 'bubble' wherever possible • Outdoor spaces should be used by different groups at different times of the day
Children	Wellbeing and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should be supported in age appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe including regular hand washing and sneezing into a tissue • Staff need to ensure they are aware of children's attachments and their need for emotional support at this time
Children	Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can go in small groups on trips outdoors for the purpose of education, as long as a risk assessment is completed • Good hygiene will be maintained during this time • Through handwashing before and after the trip. • If a trip takes place indoors a full risk assessment must be carried out, any risks must be addressed • On the indoor trip, the children must stay in their groups and socially distance from other groups

Workforce	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff should only attend the nursery if they are symptom free, have completed the requires isolation period or achieved a negative test result.
Workforce	Physical distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible staff should remain with the small group of children who they are allocated to and not come into contact with other groups. • Social distancing must be maintained during breaks. This may be achieved through a range of strategies including the staggering of breaks and subdivision of spaces allocated to team breaks where possible- only three staff in the sofa area and two staff maximum on chairs at a distance of two meters. • Staff members should avoid physical contact with each other including handshakes, hugs etc. • Where possible use the intercoms to contact each other, this will prevent unnecessary contact. • Only come to the office if necessary, otherwise use the intercom call the office. • Staff MUST wear a mask when they are at the door, when children are entering and leaving the nursery. • Staff MUST keep parents at a safe distance when handing children over to parents.
Workforce	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff members must receive instructions in infection control and the standard operating procedure and risk assessments within which they will be operating i.e toilet training/ preparing snack/ cleaning provision/self-hygiene

Parents	Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one parent per child. • Arrange drop off and pick up at the nursery entrance to avoid parents entering the nursery unnecessarily • When parents are waiting to drop off or collect their child, physical distancing should be maintained in a safe area • The provider should consider measures to minimise contact between the parent and other children and staff members.
Parents	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will have clear communication regarding the role they play in the safe operating procedure and all measures being taken to ensure the safety of their children and themselves
Visitors	Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance to the setting should be restricted to children and staff as far as practically possible and visitors should not be permitted to the nursery unless essential (e.g. essential building maintenance). Where essential visits are required they should wear a mask if possible, and if not follow the hand washing procedures on entry. • Avoid any close contact with children • Stay for a limited time • Aware of their responsibilities
Travel	Travel associated with setting operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents should be encouraged to ensure they do not leave travel accessories including buggies, scooters in the setting premises, but rather in external buggy areas if necessary. • Outings from the setting into the local community will be restricted unless the setting has no or very limited outside space in which case outings to open spaces which do not include mixing with members of the general public could be considered

Hygiene and Health & Safety	Hand Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children and staff must wash their hands upon arrival at the nursery • Children and staff members should be encouraged to wash their hands frequently
Hygiene and Health & Safety	Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An enhanced cleaning schedule must be implemented that includes furniture, surfaces and children's toys and equipment • Communal area, touch points and hand washing facilities must be cleaned and sanitised regularly • Lunchboxes and bags should be sanitized before they come to the table
Hygiene and Health & Safety	Waste disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All waste must be disposed of in a hygienic and safe manner
Hygiene and Health & Safety	Laundry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All items within the setting requiring laundering must be washed in line with NHS laundry guidelines 90 degrees • Items such as towels, flannels and bedding must not be shared by children
Hygiene and Health & Safety	Risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activity should be risk assessed and due consideration given to any adaptations to usual practice. It is expected that would include, but not be limited, to the suspension of learning experiences involving materials which are not easily washable such as malleable materials
Hygiene and Health & Safety	PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government guidance is that PPE is not required for general use in early years settings to protect against COVID- 19 transmission. PPE should continue to be worn as normal for nappy changing and the administration of first aid. • Staff if choose to can wear of faceguard or mask, with parents during pick up and drop off times.

Premises	Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep windows open where possible to ensure ventilation
Premises	Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should not be permitted to bring items from home into the setting unless absolutely essential for their wellbeing. Where this is the case items should be appropriately cleaned upon arrival • All resources required for play and learning experiences of children should be regularly washed and/or sterilised • Staff do not share equipment e.g Ipads etc. should be allocated to individual staff members where possible and cleaned regularly
Supplies	Procurement & monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The setting should ensure an adequate supply of essential supplies and contingency plans are in place to minimise the impact of any shortages of supplies. The setting will not be able to operate without essential supplies required for ensuring infection control • A monitoring system for the usage of PPE is essential to ensure that a supply of stock is available to all who require it as and when required to meet the operational needs of the setting. When stocks are low, other options may be considered, such as the use of washable tabards. These items will be washed at a high temperature and separate to any other nursery washing.

<p>Responding to a suspected case</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of a child developing suspected coronavirus symptoms whilst attending the setting, they should be collected as soon as possible and isolate at home in line with the local Authority and NHS guidance • Whilst waiting for the child to be collected they should be isolated from others in a previously identified room or area. If possible, a window should be opened for ventilation • The staff member responsible for the child during this time should be a staff member from their 'bubble'. • The provider may consider suitable PPE for this staff member. • The person responsible for cleaning the area should wear appropriate PPE • In the event of a staff member developing suspected coronavirus symptoms whilst working at the nursery, they should return home immediately and isolate at home in line with the local authority and NHS guidance • Anyone who has been in contact with someone unwell must wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and running water.
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