

Coronavirus: Updated Information for Parents and Carers

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As you will be aware the Scottish Government has issued updated guidelines for each tier in Scotland. These include new advice for Early Learning and Childcare Centres. At all times the response from our setting is led by NHS Health Protection teams in partnership with our Local Authority.

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn by parents and any other visitors to the setting (whether entering the building or otherwise), including parents at drop-off and pickup. We strongly encourage all adults to use face coverings when coming to the Centre, if they are able to do so.



Talking with staff at drop off or pick up

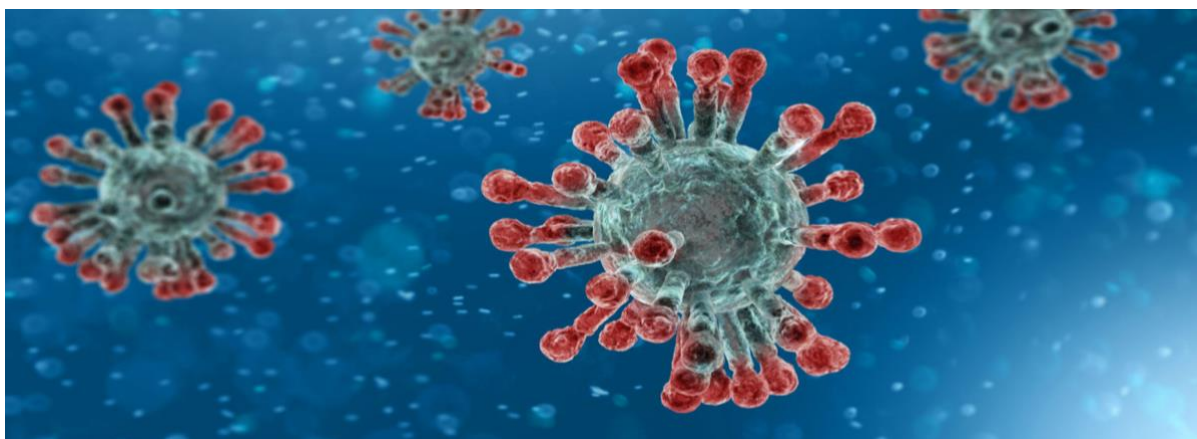
Centres are advised to minimise the time staff spend in close proximity with parents. This means we must minimise talking with parents to essential information only. Staff will no longer be able to talk to parents about day to day information. Parents should now pass belongings to their child or place on the ground, rather than giving bags directly to staff.



We realise this will be difficult at times for parents, however we are striving to keep our Centre safe so that children and staff can continue to attend.

Parents will continue to receive phone calls from their child's key worker when information can be shared. For our youngest children, parents will receive a daily care sheet with care information on it.

When important information needs to be shared we will phone parents; similarly, parents should call the Centre if they need to pass on information about their child to us. Please ensure that we have the correct phone number for you. On occasions staff may ask to speak with parents at 2m spaced points away from our doorways.



What to do if you, or someone you have been in contact with, has Covid 19

Symptoms

The most common symptoms are:

- New continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

It is essential that people do not attend the centre if they have any symptoms.

Everyone who develops symptoms must self-isolate immediately, stay at home and arrange a test.

People who live in the same household as a person with symptoms must also self-isolate immediately. They only need to be tested if they also develop symptoms. If the test is negative the household no longer needs to self isolate.

If a test is positive, the person must remain in self-isolation for 10 days from when symptoms first occurred, or longer if the symptoms persist. The rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms, even if they don't have any symptoms themselves.

Everyone who is identified as a close contact of a confirmed case must self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have a negative test result.