

## **Addition to Glebe Trust Nurseries Health & Safety COVID-19 Addendum Policy October 2020 Regarding an update on Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process**

In the case that a child or adult becomes unwell with covid symptoms we must ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and children must not come into the setting if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in the setting. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children under 11 will need to be helped by their parents or carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to internet.

Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

The government will ensure that it is as easy as possible to get a test through a wide range of routes that are locally accessible, fast and convenient and they will release more details on new testing avenues as and when they become available and they will work with early years settings, so they understand the easiest route to get a test so this policy may change as and when we get new information by way of an email update.

We have been advised by the government that settings should ask parents, carers and staff to inform them immediately of the results of the test:

- if someone begins to self-isolate because they have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) and they get a test which delivers a negative result. If feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. However they could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can also stop self-isolating provided they are well.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). They must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to the setting only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The at least 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days

Usually PHE would contact us to let us know if your test is positive, however due to the teething problems of the scheme we politely request that everyone shows us evidence of their negative test before being able to return to the setting to ensure we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

The Government has also advised us that your child does not need at test if they:

- have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell, but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste
- are advised to self-isolate because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), for example, another pupil in their class, but are not showing symptoms themselves