

Ann Bernadt and Nell Gwynn Federated Nursery Schools



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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your child, whether you are returning to Ann Bernadt or Nell Gwynn Nursery Schools or are new to one of the settings. Safeguarding is of utmost importance across our Federation therefore we are writing to you to request your support in helping to keep everyone safe.

Please take the time to read our COVID-19 Federated Risk Assessment on our websites and Parent Hub, so that you are familiar with the range of precautions we will be taking as schools to help keep children and adults safe. There is no guarantee that our settings will remain COVID free however we are adhering to government guidance and collaborating with the Local Authority to reduce risks as far as possible.

We urge you to wear face masks upon bringing your child to nursery as well as at collection time. Please keep your distance from other adults when waiting, using the markers as a guide. Staff within your child's bubble will collect your child from the outside area and bring them back out to you at collection time. Please bring and collect your child promptly due to staggered timings, as we want to avoid overlap with other bubbles.

Toys and books, as well as food and drink from home should **not** be brought into the nurseries. The exception will be books from our nursery lending libraries, which we will inform you about at a later date. Children will wash their hands, on arrival as well as at regular intervals throughout the day, to promote good levels of hygiene.

We ask that parents/carers do not attempt to enter the building as a member of staff can make themselves available to you within the outdoor area instead.

Parents/carers may call the nurseries on the telephone to request socially distanced meetings outdoors with staff.

If you are concerned that your child, you or any other family member you live with are displaying possible symptoms of Coronavirus, please **do not** bring your child to nursery. Telephone the nursery school your child attends and explain your concerns.

You will be advised to book a Coronavirus Test, engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process. As responsible parents/carers you will need to be ready and willing to (extracted from pages 11-12 of the risk assessment):

- [book a test](#) if you or your child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home test
- provide details of anyone you or your child 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 you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus](#) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We value your co-operation in these sensitive matters as everyone has a part to play in keeping our school communities as safe as possible. Communication is key, so if your child has been absent or unwell for any reason, then it's very important that you telephone your child's nursery to update us. We will communicate with parents/carers through letters and the websites with any updates to be shared.

Thank you once again for your support as we embark into the autumn term. We look forward to seeing your children in our nursery schools once again.

Kind regards,

Lynne Cooper (Executive Head)



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