

Managing Children who are Sick and Infectious – during COVID-19

- If your child presents with a temperature of over 37.5 we will first take appropriate measures to try to reduce the temperature naturally e.g. giving the child a drink, taking off extra layers. After a suitable amount of time, we will check your child's temperature again. If the temperature has not reduced or has increased, you will be phoned to collect your child.
- If, when at home, your child's temperature remained under 37.8 and no other symptoms develop, your child may return to preschool when they are fit and well.
- Children who are displaying (or have members of their household displaying) any possible symptoms of coronavirus **must not attend**.
- Any child who begins to display symptoms will be isolated with a member of staff until they can be collected. Parents/carers will be contacted immediately. Parents/carers should then follow government guidelines. **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.**
- If your child receives a negative test result, you will need to provide proof of the result, at which point they may return to preschool, as long as they are no longer displaying any symptoms. Children should be clear of a fever for at least 24 hours before returning to preschool.
- If your child tests positive, you 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.
- **Please notify Busy Otters as soon as possible if your child tests positive or has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive.**
- If you cannot/will not access a test, your child must isolate for at least 10 days (without any further symptoms) before returning to preschool.
- Busy Otters will notify the relevant authorities of all test results and will act according to PHE and DfE guidance should a positive case be confirmed.

*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>