

Updated Measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19

Kidz Kabin are looking forward to welcoming families back to nursery from 1st June. We have worked hard to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to return to and have followed guidelines from PHE and the DoE in relation to the following considerations.

Focus	Areas of consideration	Updated procedures
CHILDREN	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only children who are symptom free or have completed the required isolation period (if household members have symptoms) should attend nursery.• We may consider taking temperatures of children on arrival and risk assessing with health questionnaires for returning children.
	Physical distancing/grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children are organised into small groups or rooms within early years settings. Wherever possible these small groups will not mix during the day• Meals will continue to be eaten in their own rooms and all meals for all ages will be served rather than allowing children to take their own food, to reduce children handling food.• We will space the children out at mealtimes so that there will be a space, equivalent to a chair between each child around the tables. We will use our outdoor spaces for outdoor learning as much as possible during the day. At Pembroke Studios we now have 3 areas of outdoor play which will be used separately for the 3 age groups who attend the nursery.• Distancing of mats/beds/cots will be facilitated as much as possible.
	Well- being and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will ensure children wash their hands regularly. They will be encouraged to do so when they arrive, before and after eating snacks and meals, toileting and at other appropriate times during the day to encourage good hygiene. Children will be shown how to cover their mouths when they cough and sneeze in an appropriate way.• Children will be supported by staff and especially their key workers to understand the changes and challenges they may encounter because of Covid-19. Staff will be aware of children's attachments and their need for gentle understanding and emotional support at this time.
WORKFORCE	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff should only attend nursery if they are symptom-free, have completed the required isolation period if they are showing symptoms, and achieve a negative test result.

WORKFORCE Cont'd	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration will be given to limiting the number of staff in the nursery at any one time to only those required to care for the expected occupancy • We may consider taking staff temperatures on arrival and risk assessing with regular health questionnaires for returning staff.
	Physical distancing/grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible staff should remain with the small group of children, the 'bubble' of children who they are allocated to and not meet other groups. • Social distancing will be maintained during breaks with staff using different areas or ensuring they remain at least 2 metres apart. • Staff members should avoid physical contact with each other including handshakes, hugs, etc. • Where possible, meetings and training sessions should be conducted through virtual conferencing
	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff members will receive appropriate instruction in infection control in addition to the training they already have.
PARENTS	Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only parents who are symptom free and or have completed the required isolation periods will be able to drop off or collect their child. • Only one parent per family will be able to drop off or collect from nursery. • Drop offs and pick ups will be 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 safely.
	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be communicating with parents through a diary system. This will detail any important information that staff should share with parents. It will not be a detailed account of the activities the children have participated in as there will be a weekly update posted on the website once the nursery is up and running. • Staff will not be able to have daily conversations with parents at hand over time, but if they have any particular concerns, they should email the nursery.

VISITORS	Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance to the setting should be restricted to children and staff as far as possible and visitors will not be permitted to the nursery unless essential (eg – essential building maintenance). Where essential visits are required they should be made outside of the usual nursery operational hours.
TRAVEL	Travel associated with setting operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wherever possible staff and parents should travel to the nursery alone, using their own transport. If public transport is necessary, current guidance on the use of public transport must be followed. Outings from the settings into the local community will not take place other than occasional visits to Coldfall Woods, where social distancing can be maintained. Outings will only take place for those settings where limited outside space is available.
HYGIENE AND HEALTH AND 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
	Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An enhanced cleaning programme is already in place and will continue to be maintained. This includes furniture, surfaces, children's toys and equipment. Communal areas, touch points and hand washing facilities will be regularly cleaned and sanitised. Kidz Kabin settings will be environmentally sterilised on a regular basis by a professional company
	Laundry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All items within the setting are washed regularly in our own washing machines
	Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities will continue to be risk assessed and due consideration given to any adaptations to usual practice. This will include, but not be limited to, the suspension of learning experiences involving materials which are not easily washable such as malleable materials (eg playdough), and the suspension of sharing play food and utensils.
	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 will continue to be worn as normal for nappy changing and the administration of first aid.

We may add new measures to the list above if new guidance is issued. We will work with parents and staff to ensure that these measures are followed to the best of our ability, and we always in the best interests of the children and staff who attend Kidz Kabin.