

Our Covid Response to Coming Out of Restrictions

Our management team have put together a response to the governments easing of covid restrictions. We have created the plan below to introduce our pathway out of the restrictions previously set in our COVID policy. We have set dates in place to hopefully reach and move forward with our steps, however these are not definite dates, and each step will be reviewed before confirmation of the next step being introduced. We have done this so that we can keep in line with the government's guidelines. If guidance changes or we find we are experiencing more symptoms and positive results, we may move the date back or remove points completely to ensure safety for both our children and staff. Most parents and staff feel comfortable with the restrictions we still have in place and feel it is the best way of keeping everyone safe and healthy. We understand however how important it is for parents to see inside the nursery at some point.

This is a plan for us all and Tina's Tots expects everyone involved with the nursery to work together cooperatively and respectfully.

Stages	Points	Date to Review
Stage 1 26.07.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the parents' responsibility to keep up to date with government guidance on self-isolation. It is the responsibility of the parents not to send their child to nursery should they or anyone within their home have any of the COVID symptoms. It is the responsibility of the parents to follow COVID travel guidance when taking their child on holiday. Staff will continue to wear PPE if a child develops symptoms whilst at Tina's Tots, the child will be isolated until parents collect. The child should take a PCR test and self-isolate for 10 days or until a negative result has been supplied. Everyone within the household of a person with symptoms should self-isolate until a negative result has been obtained or for 10 days following NHS track and trace. If a child, staff or parent test positive the nursery should be made aware. It is no longer the responsibility of the nursery to identify close contact however will assist in this process. The nursery can not give out personal details such as telephone numbers, full names or addresses. Track and Trace should be used for close contact. (Close contact - 1 minute at 1m, 15 minutes at 2m). Children will continue to use separate entrances to the building, pre-school using the main door and baby room through their garden gate. This has reduced waiting time and allowed us to keep our bubbles separate. All parents should continue to provide a 5-minute warning call when intending on collecting their child. This is to ensure children are ready for collection time and reduce the waiting time. Allocated time slots for pick up and drop off will be removed enabling parents to drop off and pick up whenever is best for them. Parents can use either gate to enter the grounds. We will continue to take the temperature of all who enter the building. We will continue to wash hands upon arrival of all who enter the building. We will continue to have regular hand washing throughout the day. We will continue to have a rigorous cleaning routine in place. Face masks should be worn by all in communal areas. Children 5+ will be allowed to attend the setting, these children are not going to be attending any other setting at this time. Parents are required to inform Tina's Tots prior to their child having a routine vaccination as if they should then get a temperature within 72 hours of such vaccination, we will not send them home to self-isolate unless they have other symptoms, or we are concerned it may be COVID. Failure to notify us prior to having the vaccinations will result in us following normal COVID procedures. Parents should make us aware on the day at entry of any teething concerns. If they make us aware prior to the child having a mild fever without any other symptoms or cause to suspect covid the child will not be sent home. We will remove restrictions on toys, materials and soft furnishings inside the nursery however still request limited/no personal belongings of toys, large comforters etc. Hand sanitizer will remain available throughout the building. 	09.08.21
Stage 2 16.08.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key worker of each individual child will have the opportunity to provide feedback on collection should they be working at that time. Both children under 18 and staff who are double vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if in close contact with an individual testing positive. However due to the vast age range of staff, most staff at Tina's Tots will not have had their second vaccine until the end of September, therefore we will be waiting to mix bubbles until the next stage to avoid the risk of staff having to self-isolate. Any child or staff member with symptoms must be sent home and get a PCR test. If positive they should self-isolate for 10 days. 	27.09.21

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with the new government guidance and the responsibility being placed on track and trace to inform individuals of close contact we as a nursery will no longer be taking responsibility for this and a new procedure will be followed. If the nursery is notified of a positive case the individual testing positive will be sent home and self isolate for 10 days along with anyone else in their household. The manager on duty will inform parents of this positive case via email but no staff or children will be sent home until contact has been made by track and trace. It will be the parents responsibility to decide if they wish to send their child to nursery knowing of this positive case and the close contact they may have possibly had. A plan will be made in the event of staff members being contacted by track and trace, if a vast number of staff are contacted by track and trace we may need to close temporarily until we have a plan in place that meets children to staff ratios. If ratios are not able to be met a separate risk assessment will be carried out to ensure Tina's Tots may open as usual. Staff can only be used from another bubble if they have not been in their own bubbles 48 hours previously. Tina's Tots will not employ supply staff unless absolutely necessary. Tina's Tots will not operate without a manager on site. 	
<p>Stage 3 01.10.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks will be optional for both staff and parents. We will begin to mix bubbles such as during circle time, some of the children from the baby room can come play with children from the pre-school room. Children transitioning from babies to preschool from this date, will be able to do short settling in sessions during their usual designated sessions. Staff will no longer need to do lateral flow tests twice weekly from 30th September. Professional visitor will be allowed inside again (SENIT, Tutors, Nurse, Work experience students, etc) 	<p>28.10.21</p>
<p>Stage 3.5 30.10.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are to resume face to face contact with parents. We will resume show arounds for new starters from 1st November. We will have a Halloween Party on the 30th October, this will allow parents to socialise with other parents, look around the nursery and see what their children get up to whilst here. Each family will be allocated a time to avoid overcrowding and help to prevent the spread of coronavirus. All staff will have had the opportunity to be double vaccinated. (Please note some staff have chosen not to be vaccinated). 	<p>15.11.21</p>
<p>Stage 4 01.12.21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will no longer take temperatures upon arrival however expect parents to take responsibility on this matter and not send them child to nursery with a temperature. We will trial 1 parent dropping off outside the room. Parents must not stay longer than 5-10 minutes in the room to limit the disruption and time for children being unsettled. We are currently working on a scenario for this to work. Staff will commence with face-to-face parents' evenings every 3 months. The staff room will be reopened for staff to share a quiet space for breaks. We will trial all children using the front door. Parents will be responsible for washing their hands and those of their child upon entry. We will begin going on trips outside of the nursery. Parents will be encouraged to complete self-registration outside the door of the child's room. No restrictions on mixing bubbles. 	<p>Reviewed 09.12.21</p>
<p>New Guidance Dec 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facemasks should be worn by all over the age of 12 in communal areas. Staff are not expected to wear face masks whilst working within their own rooms. The temperature of all who enter Tina's Tots must be taken before entering the room (children, parents, staff, visitors). All staff, parents and visitors are strongly encouraged to take two lateral flow tests per week. Adults are advised to work from home whenever possible. Any child, parent, visitor, or staff member showing any signs of COVID must not enter Tina's Tots and should get a PCR test. (Lateral flow tests can not be used if a person has symptoms). Should symptoms develop whilst at Tina's Tots this person will be isolated until they can be collected/leave (full PPE will be worn). Any child, parent, visitor, or staff member being identified as a close contact of a positive case of the Omicron COVID strand must self-isolate for 10 days regardless of their vaccination status or age. All parents, children, staff and visitors should wash their hands before entering the rooms. Tina's Tots will ventilate rooms as much as possible considering the very low temperatures outside and the health of children and staff. CO2 monitors will be used to monitor ventilation within the preschool room and the baby room. Staff will continue with a vigorous cleaning schedule. Those double vaccinated or children 5 – 18.5 identified as a close contact of any strain of covid should take daily LFT for 7 days. 	<p>01.01.21</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eligible staff and parents are advised to get a booster jab. 	
New guidance 27.01.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings are no longer advised in communal areas as of 27th January 2022. Fully vaccinated adults and children (5 to 18 years and 6 months) who are identified as a close contact are strongly advised to carry out lateral flow tests every day for 7 days. They do not need to self-isolate during this time unless a positive result is obtained. Children under 5 should do a PCR test if they live with someone with a positive COVID result. If negative, they can return to the setting if positive they should self-isolate in line with government guidance. Self-isolation guidance for anyone testing positive is 10 days unless 2 negative lateral flow tests are obtained on 2 consecutive days after day 5. To respond to any staff absence due to COVID children may be grouped together in groups that would normally be separate. Tina's Tots will always aim to have the correct staff ratio and qualifications as set out in the EYFS, however if this is not possible due to COVID related staff absence a risk assessment will be carried out to ensure children are safe and their care needs are able to be met. Should our risk assessment deem we can not safely care for children due to staff absence please see our contingency plan below. Tina's Tots will monitor staff mental health during this very difficult time to ensure it has no negative impacts on child happiness, child development or smooth running of the everyday routine. Parents are welcome into setting. Visitors will be welcomed into setting. Events will be put back into the diary to open communications with parents and the community. Tina's Tots would like parents to still take children's temperatures and wash their hands when entering nursery. 	20.02.22
New Guidance 01.04.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits 	
Contingency Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina's Tots will prepare for a contingency plan of taking children from the main door should we feel it necessary, or government guidance suggests so. Tina's Tots will prepare for a contingency plan of remaining in bubbles should we feel it necessary, or government guidance suggest so. Separate entrances will be back in place, no mixing of children or staff between bubbles. Tina's Tots will aim to have back up staff to cover staff absence for COVID related reasons. Tina's Tots will aim to remain open to all however may close part or all of the nursery should there be an outbreak of COVID within the setting and/or there are too many staff absences. Should part of the nursery need to close it may be done based on one room where there are staff absences or positive cases or based upon those most in need of childcare (most in need is hereby defined at Tina's Tots as those who are: vulnerable children, children with additional needs, parents who are key workers). Tina's Tots will aim to have as much consistency and normality in the everyday running of the provision to ensure children are happy and safe. Tina's Tots will only employ supply staff from an agency at a last resort. All staff are encouraged to be double vaccinated to ensure staffing levels are good. All staff may be required by government guidelines in Plan B to be double vaccinated. Tina's Tots will prepare for the use of face masks at all times unless in own bubble. Tina's Tots will revert back to no visitors within the building should the above contingency be in place. Tina's Tots will follow guidance on wrap around care for children over 5. 	Ongoing

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