

into the woods outdoor nursery

Covid safety policy

Into The Woods (ITW) follows closely the guidance provided by Haringey and Camden local authorities (LA) in setting measures to control the transmission of Covid-19 and in dealing with confirmed or potential cases of infection. This guidance forms the starting point for ITW policy, and is amended to ensure we have the right balance of minimising transmission risk and enabling continuity for the children.

Current ITW Covid rules – for staff and children

There is no longer a legal requirement to isolate, however, **staff and children who test positive must not attend nursery.**

- Children with a positive Covid-19 test result should stay at home for 3 days after the day they have taken their test
- Staff who have a positive Covid-19 test result should
 - stay at home for 5 days after the day they took the test **OR**
 - if symptoms have subsided return to work after a negative test

Parents should inform the nursery if their child tests positive.
Staff should inform the nursery if they test positive.

Symptoms onset at nursery

In cases of fever or other Covid-19 symptoms, children will be isolated from the rest of the group, but with a practitioner they know well and are comfortable with. The practitioner will wear a face mask. The manager will call the parents and request that the child be collected straight away. The child's parents should test the child if possible, and if the test is positive should stay at home for 3 days before returning to nursery.

Staff with symptoms should go home straight away. They should take a Covid-19 test if possible, and follow the guidance above before returning to work.

Outbreaks

In the case of an outbreak, ITW will carry out a risk assessment and seek guidance from the relevant public health body. From this we will produce an outbreak management plan (based on the Haringey model).

An outbreak is defined as:

- a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to acute respiratory infection

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