

October 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope that this message finds you and your families well. We are now well and truly in Autumn and only two weeks from half term. After the strange start to the term things seem to have settled into some sort of normality and most importantly the children are enjoying all the opportunities nursery offers.

We hope that you have recently received your log in for your child's learning journey and taken the opportunity to look at some of the learning, they have enjoyed over the last few weeks. If you would like to make any additions to this ongoing record of learning, Keyworkers will be delighted to see notes or photos added.

It is so unusual for staff and children at Ambleside to be in smaller groups and to not share in experiences together. Therefore, we have planned a joined pyjama day next week- Thursday 22nd October. We hope to use this as an opportunity to raise funds- our bubbled provision means that we will need to purchase a number of books so that the core books can be available in each area. If you would like to donate £1 towards our book fund we would be very grateful, and please do encourage your child to come to nursery in their pyjamas to join the fun!

We are currently making arrangements for our parent consultations that will take place in November. The safety of all on site is very important to us so we will be unable to hold face to face meetings at this time. You will probably have begun experiencing virtual meetings through work or school, however as an early years setting we have very different access to systems and equipment that enables virtual meetings- therefore this term for the most part consultations will be held on the phone, however some staff will be trialling the use of Microsoft TEAMS and we plan to develop our two-way virtual communication over the next few months.

Best wishes Kerrie and the team.



Kerrie Clifford

Core Values Gallery

We are all learning - we are all different - we look after ourselves and others- we work together.

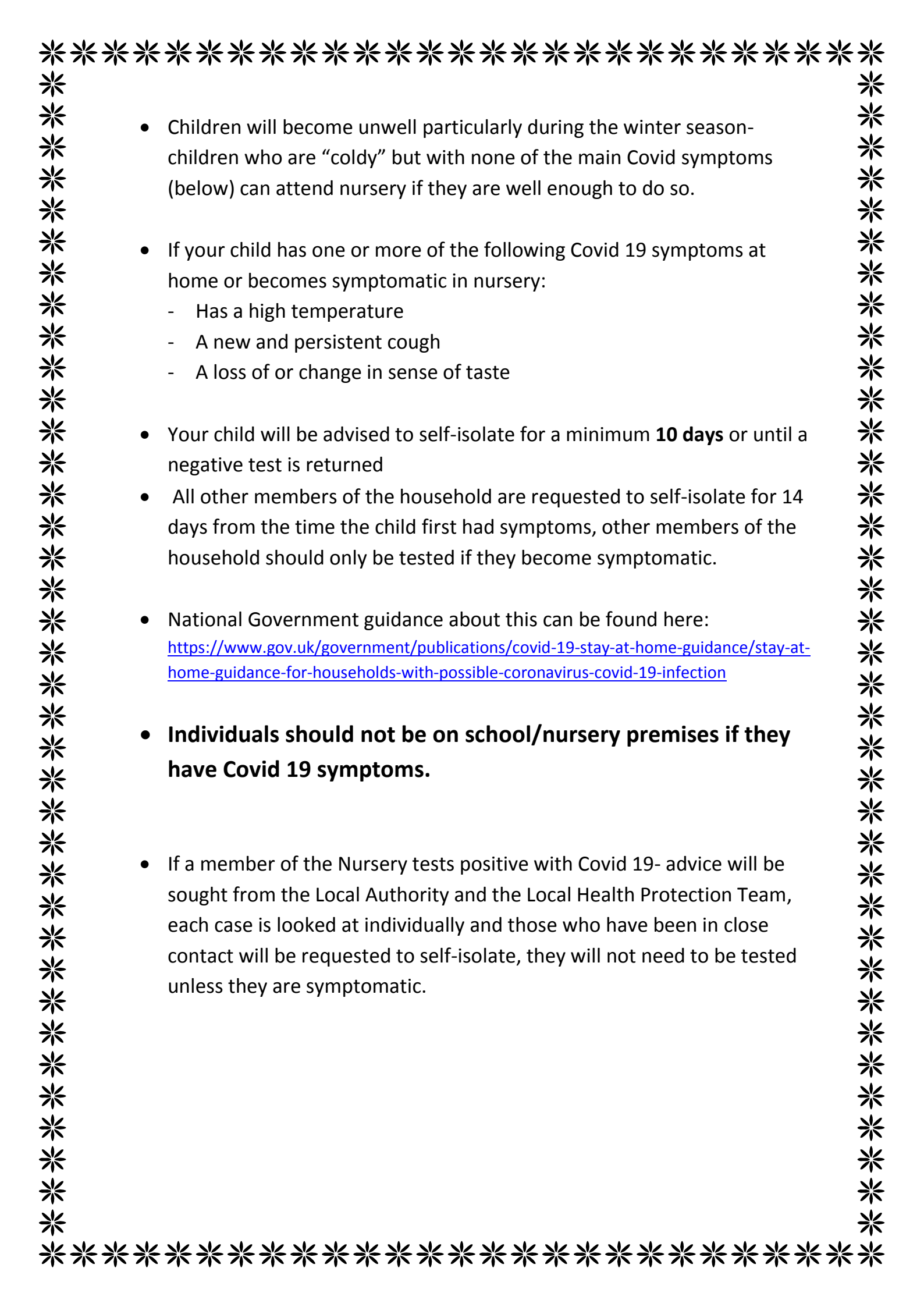


Health and Safety Notices

The health and safety of the children on and around the site is always important to us, however the Covid 19 pandemic means that there are far more regulations than usual. Our interactions and communications are limited. Please see the health and safety reminders below:

- Unless you are exempt, please wear a face covering when on Ambleside site- we are aware that for many of you your drop off and collection is outdoors, but at times areas become busy and unavoidable close contact on passing children over can be made safer.
- If you are collecting during tea club **4:15-6pm** from groups **B, C or D** please use the side gate. Please note the side gate at this time will be **closed but not locked**. For the safety of the children please ensure the gate is closed after you pass through.
- Please ensure that when you are dropping or collecting children at classroom doors, where ever possible you remain outside of the 2m safety zone.
- Where ever possible please ensure one adult only enters the site to drop off and collect children, this will help us prevent congestion during these times.
- Unless you have made prior arrangements with a Key worker please drop off and collect your children promptly within the time slots given- this enables us to close the gate so that children can access the outdoor areas. It also means that staff can remain in the nurseries working with the children during the sessions.
- The safety of the children on and around the site is of paramount importance to us all. Please ensure that you park both safely and legally in the surrounding area to enable all families to safely access the site. Also to promote the children's safety now and in the future please model the use of the paths in the car park.
- Please refrain from using mobile phones or cameras whilst on site dropping off or collecting children.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

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- Children will become unwell particularly during the winter season- children who are “coldy” but with none of the main Covid symptoms (below) can attend nursery if they are well enough to do so.
 - If your child has one or more of the following Covid 19 symptoms at home or becomes symptomatic in nursery:
 - Has a high temperature
 - A new and persistent cough
 - A loss of or change in sense of taste
 - Your child will be advised to self-isolate for a minimum **10 days** or until a negative test is returned
 - All other members of the household are requested to self-isolate for 14 days from the time the child first had symptoms, other members of the household should only be tested if they become symptomatic.
 - National Government guidance about this can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
 - **Individuals should not be on school/nursery premises if they have Covid 19 symptoms.**
 - If a member of the Nursery tests positive with Covid 19- advice will be sought from the Local Authority and the Local Health Protection Team, each case is looked at individually and those who have been in close contact will be requested to self-isolate, they will not need to be tested unless they are symptomatic.