



WALKER CHILDREN'S CLUB

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Walker Children's Club : Summary of Covid-19 Risk Assessment

This document provides a summary of the actions we are taking to help protect our staff, visitors and children and we urge you to follow any direction or guidance given by our staff when you visit the premises. Our full Covid risk assessment can be viewed on our website



• **Re-opening the premises after prolonged closure:** To prevent the potential risk of infection from water systems after the premises was closed for a period of time, we:

- carry out daily and weekly safety checks / flushes of the water system
- have instructed an independent cleaning company to conduct a daily deep clean
- will ensure that WCC staff 'deep clean' the toys and food serving equipment daily



- **Children arriving at WCC:** To limit the potential exposure to the virus, we request that:
 - children are collected from the hall of Walker School, As of 17th August 2021, social distancing and 'bubbles' are no longer required. We will inform you of any updated guidance. St Monica's children are collected from outside of the school gates.
 - Parents whose children do not attend Walker School must drop their children off at the WCC entrance.
- **Collection of children from WCC:**

From September 2021, parents will be allowed entry to the building if requested, to collect their children. **Update January 2022. Due to the severity of the new Omicron variant, we request that adults, collect their children from outside as before, given the highly contagious nature of the variant.**
- **General Hygiene at WCC (toys, equipment, premises):** To prevent the potential transmission of the virus, we:
 - have robust cleaning procedures (e.g. hall pinch points wiped down with antiseptic spray /wipes, children encouraged to wash hands under supervision at regular intervals **and** upon entering the building, before snacks and after using the toilet, hand dryer/ hand sanitisers / tissues readily available)
 - will regularly clean the toys and other resources.
 - WCC staff will take home Covid tests twice a week.
- **Layout of the building:**
 - As of September 2021 we are no longer required to adhere to 'bubbles' but we will be exercising due diligence. One way systems not required.
 - Handrails will be regularly cleaned by WCC staff.
 - Windows will be open whilst playing indoors to ensure the room is well ventilated but will consider and monitor temperature. Outdoor activities will be planned to minimise infection risks.
- **Managing children with symptoms of Covid-19:** We will seek to ensure that:
 - Parents receive clear information regarding NOT sending in children who display Covid-19 symptoms (e.g. high temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea)
 - WCC staff carry out first aid using PPE as required, including the use of masks, screens, gloves and protective aprons, if infection suspected.



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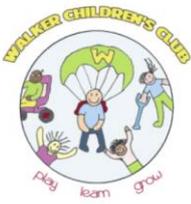
If a Covid case is confirmed, we will notify parents and the relevant authorities as soon as possible. If your child tests positive, you must notify us of the date, your child tested positive.

If a child develops Covid symptoms they will be accompanied by a member of staff and kept away from the other children, until they are collected by their parents. **From August 2021, children under the age of 18 and double vaccinated adults, will no longer be required to isolate if they come into contact with a person who contracts Covid. Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual, unless they develop symptoms associated with Covid 19.**



From 14 December 2021, Staff will continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart. We encourage the parents and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering our club. (for prolonged periods, e.g. for sensory sessions) There is no need for primary age children (those in year 6 and below) to regularly test, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days. (we expect parents to notify us if their child has attended the club and tested positive. Staff and children with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the child or staff member can return to our club, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms. Our regular secondary school volunteers will be required to wear face coverings when they volunteer at the club. These students also take twice weekly Covid Tests. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

- **Storage of Personal Property:** We will maintain hygiene practices by encouraging children to keep their belongings in an orderly way.
- **Food Safety:** WCC staff are trained in food hygiene in accordance with guidance from Food Standards Agency.
 - There will be cooking activities that are safely carried out
 - Staff will prepare snacks for the children. Snacks will be served to the children by WCC staff, to begin with and we will gradually allow children to serve their own snacks as before.
- **Vulnerable children:** Children with underlying medical conditions may be more susceptible to infection and should not attend WCC without medical approval and/ or until government guidance suggests otherwise.
 - In the meantime, we plan to host activities that promote good mental health and well-being for children and WCC staff.



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- **Sharing of premises with other users:** All communal areas will be deep cleaned thoroughly after the extended closure and will continue to be deep cleaned each day.
 - All WCC resources are sectioned off and labelled to ensure that they are not touched by other visitors
 - Our procedures (in liaison with the landlord of the premises) are being updated to eliminate any crossover with other users of the premises



We will not tolerate any child that deliberately flouts WCC rules, particularly the Covid 19 behaviour policy, which will be shared with parents as required. WCC will remind the children about the Covid-19 arrangements each day and we will review our risk assessment on at least a weekly basis in line with government guidance and with the continued support of the heads of Walker and St Monica's Schools. The reinstatement of 'bubbles' and social distancing may be necessary if Government guidance advises.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=18%20August%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DFE%20C19