

**AUGUST 2021 OPENING HOURS: 7.45am to 6.00pm.**

### **COVID-19: How to stay safe and help prevent the spread**

We take reasonable steps to mitigate any risks identified in our health and safety risk assessment.

We currently implement the following system of controls:

- 1) ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend nursery.
- 2) cleaning hands thoroughly.
- 3) promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 4) cleaning surfaces that people touch regularly.
- 5) keeping the nursery well ventilated.



We are still applying caution as cases of COVID-19 remain high; we therefore request that parents / carers remain outside when dropping off / collecting children. Parents and staff may choose to wear a face mask if they so wish.

**Children must not come into the setting if they, or a close contact, have one or more COVID-19 symptoms:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

### **PCR Tests**

At this stage in the pandemic, as we are in the growth phase of the third wave, Warwickshire Public Health current advice is that close contacts of a positive case isolate for 10 full days from the day of last contact with the case.

Any close contacts and their households are advised to take a PCR test. Close contacts will need to continue isolation if negative, but household contacts of close contacts do not need to isolate whilst awaiting their result, unless anyone is symptomatic or positive in the households.

PCR tests can be booked [here](#).

Isolation of close contacts remains in place until 16th August as a key public health intervention, and the definitions of close contact remain the same. From the 16th August onwards, those who are under 18 years of age will no longer need to isolate. The national guidance can be viewed on the GOV.UK website [here](#).

### **Charging parents and carers if their child is unable to take up their place**

The guidance on nurseries charging parents and carers if their child is unable to take up their place can be viewed [here](#). Any requests regarding COVID-19 non-attendance charges must be made using this [form](#). Paper copies are available on request.

### **COVID-19 vaccines**

The government states that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and give the best protection against COVID-19. There are plenty of appointments available for COVID-19 vaccines currently across both Warwickshire and Coventry. Please click [here](#) to see the vaccination sites in this area.

### **SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION**

#### **Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.**

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, (Nerys or ulie) in confidence. There is further Safeguarding information on our [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.



**Nerys Evans**  
DSL



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## What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been taking part in heuristic play with wooden resources. This activity promoted skills of hand eye coordination, fine motor movements, concentration, problem solving and creativity.



Last month some of the children were really excited about the Euros football games. We made flags to celebrate the competition and created our own display.



## Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Expressive Arts and Design:

22-36 months: Experiments with blocks, colours and marks

40 - 60 months: Create simple representations of events, people and objects.

Literacy: 30-50 months: Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.

Understanding the world:

30 - 50 months: Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends.



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 -  
Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 -  
Autumn Terms begins and  
funded sessions resume.

Term dates and funding dates  
can be found on our [website](#).

This month we say goodbye to our Pre-School children who are leaving for 'Big School'. We wish them every success in the future on their new venture.