



# Covid-19 Policy

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Camp Canary Limited recognises that careful planning is essential in order to keep the children and our staff safe, and to limit the spread of infectious illnesses, including Covid-19, within our setting. Accordingly, we have conducted a thorough Covid-19 risk assessment and will review it regularly.

## Covid-19 Symptoms

The following information is from the NHS.

COVID-19 symptoms can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Most people feel better within a few days or weeks of their first COVID-19 symptoms and make a full recovery within 12 weeks. For some people, it can be a more serious illness and their symptoms can last longer.

## Procedure for Suspected Infection

If a child develops a fever while at Camp Canary, or becomes too unwell to join in on activities, we will call parents to collect the child as soon as possible. While waiting for parent collection:

- We will remove the child from their group and collect their belongings from their classroom
- Staff members in contact with the child while waiting for parents will be encouraged to employ infection control measures like masking and social distancing where practicable.

## Procedure for Confirmed Infection

If a test performed at home or elsewhere confirms the presence of Covid-19 in a child or staff member, they must stay away up to and including the following day after the first positive test (the day of the test is day 0):

- Children: Day 3
- Staff: Day 5

## Promoting Good Practice

We will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

- Ensure that all staff have received training in, and understand, our procedures
- Display posters and information to promote infection control
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available within the Club
- Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically
- Provide tissues and suitable facilities for their disposal

## Useful Contacts

NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

Early Years or Childcare Service: 020 7364 1553

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Health Protection Team (HPT): 020 3837 7084 (option 1)

*Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2023) section 3.45 ("Health – Medicines").*