

Dear parent/carer,

Early years and childcare providers continue to work hard to ensure they are Covid-safe for staff, children and their families.

**To ensure that Covid-19 rates remain low, we all must remain vigilant and do what we can to contain the spread.**

One in three people with Covid-19 do not show any symptoms, that's why it's really important parents, carers and their support bubbles carry out symptom-free quick tests at home, twice a week to help protect family, friends and the wider community. Find out how to access symptom-free tests at [www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing)

We all need to keep playing our part to protect ourselves, friends, family and Dudley borough, please remember:

- Regular hand washing is still vital, using hand sanitiser if you're not at home
- Keep a safe distance from people outside your household at all times (2 metres where possible)
- Wear a face covering when you are taking and collecting children from settings
- Remember **HANDS, FACE, SPACE, TEST**

### **Symptoms and testing**

Please do not send children to an early years setting if they or another member of your household have any of the main three Covid-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or a change to your sense of taste or smell - stay at home and book a test for the symptomatic person.

If you or a member of your household feels generally unwell and are displaying other symptoms you should also get tested as a precaution [www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting)

**As we approach the Easter break, and two households or up to six people will be able to meet outdoors or in a private garden (from 29 March), we urge you to do this safely and responsibly within government guidelines.**

I hope you and your family have a happy Easter break. Thank you for your continued support and playing your part to protect Dudley borough.



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