

Welcoming everyone safely at nursery and childminders!

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Nurseries and childminders have been open safely throughout the most recent lockdown. However, we know that some people have concerns about what this means.

Nurseries and childminders have been carefully following local and national public health advice to ensure each setting is safe.

Staff are now able to get tested twice a week, to identify anyone who might have COVID-19 but no symptoms.

Young children don't spread coronavirus more than adults. For most people – and especially children – if they do catch the virus, the symptoms will be mild.



Stay safe

We all need to work together to make sure we keep our schools safe, so please remember to:

- Keep washing your hands
- Socially distance where possible, especially at the school or nursery entrance (your school or nursery will let you know what plans are in place)
- Stay at home if you or your child (or someone you live with) have symptoms and get tested
- Tests can be booked online at: nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**
- You can also find information and advice about testing, as well as test and trace at nhs.uk/coronavirus

Children and staff will generally not need to wear face coverings inside nursery or at the childminders.

We know that about one in three people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass the virus on.

The Council is offering free rapid COVID tests for anyone who has to leave home to go to work and has no symptoms. Tests can be booked online at: camden.gov.uk/nhs-test-and-trace

If you are an adult (over 16) member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test if you are asymptomatic. These will be available:

- at one of the seven community test sites in Camden. Book online: camden.gov.uk/rapidtest or call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**
- by booking a home test-kit for pick-up from the NHS test centres open at Kingsgate and Ramsay Hall, in Camden, from 1.30pm to 7.30pm every day.

Anyone with a positive result should start to self-isolate straight away along with everyone in their household.

COVID SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED NOW.

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR CALL 119

Keep healthy

Vaccinations protect you and your family from many other infectious diseases. Speak to your GP to make sure vaccinations for your child and all of your family are up-to-date.

Walk, cycle or scoot to nursery or childcare if you can, rather than taking public transport.

Take up the vaccine if you are offered it.

Help and support is available

You can contact your school, nursery or childminder with any questions. You can also have a discussion with your Health Visitor who can speak to you about any concerns you may have about coronavirus. For example, you may be worried about the impact on older relatives who live with you, or have concerns if you are from a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic group.

Contact: Camden Health Visiting Service

Telephone **020 3317 3032** or email camden.dutyhv@nhs.net

If you're worried about self-isolating for whatever reason, get in touch with Camden Council who can help you – **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/support-for-individuals

Translated material will be available from your nursery.

Become a COVID-19 Health Champion

Help to share the latest advice and guidance about COVID-19 with your family, friends and other community members in Camden or Islington.

To sign-up, [complete the form](#)

If you've got questions, email us at CHC@islington.gov.uk