



As the Autumn and Winter months set in, it is inevitable that COVID 19 will unfortunately be affecting our families more and more. We can only sympathise and understand the frustrations you may have. We are continually using the government guidelines to guide us in providing an environment that is safe for our families and our team. Here is our continued approach:

1. *If you inform us that your child is displaying symptoms of COVID 19 (a high temperature and/or a new persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell). We will:*
 - i. *Ask for your child or family members to not attend the setting until you have had a result from the COVID 19 test*
 - ii. *Advise you to get a NHS test within 4 days of the symptoms- here is the link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>*
 - iii. *If you decide not to get your child tested, you will need to follow the Government guidelines for self isolating. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>*
 - iv. *Ask you to send us the result of the test, this can be emailed to childcare@brightstars.org.uk*

Please note, that if you have had your results and it was negative, but your child starts to display new symptoms, then we will be asking you to follow the testing procedure again.

2. *We are continuing to clean high traffic area's four times a day as well as an evening clean.*
3. *The fogging machines are being used daily to sanitise the air and any surrounding surfaces*
4. *We are following procedures for PPE if a child demonstrates symptoms of COVID 19 whilst in the setting*
5. *Not allowing any 'non essential' visitors to the setting when the children are here*
6. *Hand washing on entry and throughout their day at the setting*
7. *Following the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' campaign*

Thank you for the continued support that you give our team and supporting us in promoting a safe environment.