



Parents and staff information from Monday 7th February:

As Barnet continues to have very high numbers of Covid-19 positive cases, it is imperative that Shofar Staff and families work together to ensure that all the Shofar community members remain safe and well and that Shofar can remain open. We appreciate that some of these measures are in addition to the current Government guidelines but we aim to keep Shofar classes open as much as possible and know that we will be unable to sustain this if staff keep catching Covid. Please note Shofar staff have been currently advised to continue to wear masks in common areas due to the high number of cases, therefore please can parents continue to wear masks whilst on site.

Entry to building, drop off and collection.

- To ease drop off and collections and to keep fire exits clear we will maintain the outside drop off and collections.
- We will keep to our allocated pick up and drop off times, which will happen outside the building, and staff members will come out to you. **Please wear a mask when dropping or collecting your child at the gate.**
- Parents who prefer to drop off or collect outside of these times, may drop off any time after 0745 and collect any time prior to 1810; however, for all classes other than Rimon class (who have their own entrance), please ring the bell and a staff member will come to collect your child. Please telephone if you wish to collect earlier than usual.
- Staff/ parent meetings may be held inside the building at set times, we will still maintain a safe distance from each other. We will also offer zoom and telephone meetings where parents and staff prefer this or when cases at Shofar are high.
- Parents may be invited inside the classrooms from time to time to see displays etc. and for festival celebrations. We reserve the right to ask all adults to wear masks on these occasions and no outdoor shoes can be worn inside the building.

Feedback

- Feedback will be given at drop off/ pick up times. Teachers will continue to post photo updates on Tapestry.
- Please call or email us if you need to tell us anything important.

Shofar Daycare Nursery Sternberg Centre, East End Road, N3 **Call us: 020 8346 3453**

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- We will ensure that food and sleep charts are available at the collection point for any parent who wishes to see these.
- We will arrange termly target meetings in person or on Zoom if parents and staff prefer this to discuss your child's progress in more detail. Please speak with keyworker / room leader to arrange timings.
- If you need more information, please contact Sharon who will discuss this with you further.

Clothing, belongings, nappies and comforters

- Please ensure that we have a sun hat in warmer weather that remains at Shofar and that you put sun cream on your child each morning before nursery. Please ensure winter coats, hats and gloves are all clearly named.
- Please ensure that your child has plenty of suitable named spare clothing in a named drawstring bag. (No plastic carrier bags please)
- Please supply named slippers/ indoor shoes for all walking children, these should remain at Shofar.
- Please supply named wellington boots for all walking children, these should remain at Shofar.
- Please leave your child's named comforter at Shofar- we will wash it regularly along with bedding.
- If your child wears nappies, please send in a full-unopened pack with your child's name on.
- Please ensure that we have a named pillowcase to store bedding and comforters in each day. These will be washed weekly.

Illnesses, vaccinations and testing

- If a child becomes unwell whilst at nursery, parents are called and they must collect their child ASAP and within 30 minutes or an hour at longest. **Please make sure that we have an emergency contact for collection in case we cannot get hold of you.**
- If a child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at nursery, they will be moved to a designated area whilst awaiting collection. They will have a staff member (from their usual class) supporting them wearing full PPE. The cleaning of the space will commence as soon as the potentially affected person has left the premises. The NHS still states that you should go for a PCR test if you have symptoms, and lateral flow tests are there to identify asymptomatic cases. **This child must go home and have a negative PCR result and be fully recovered, before returning to nursery.**
- If a child tests positive they need to isolate from the day they get symptoms or test positive, and for the next 10 days, UNLESS they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 AND day 6, then they can attend nursery from day 6. If they are still showing as positive on day 5, they need a negative result on day 6 AND 7, and so on. **This must be reported on the NHS website, then please send the NHS result to headteacher@shofarsdaycarenursery.org.uk . If you do not wish to do lateral flow tests on your child, they must remain at home for the full 10 days.**



- If a member of the child's household has tested positive, the Shofar child can continue attending nursery as long as they remain completely symptom free and have a negative lateral flow test every day for 7 days after each family member tests positive (day of symptoms or test is day 0).

This must be reported on the NHS website, then please send the NHS result to headteacher@shofarsdaycarenursery.org.uk.

If you prefer not to lateral flow test your child, then they must remain at home for the full 10 days of each family member who tests positive.

- We recommend that all families continue to take advantage of the twice weekly lateral flow tests. Shofar staff will continue to do these under supervised conditions twice weekly. These will be daily if there are Covid cases in group or individually if there is a close family household contact.
- We prefer that all parents and staff take up the vaccine offer but appreciate that this is up to individual preference. Unvaccinated staff and parents will need to follow legal guidelines in relation to isolation.

Travelling Abroad

- All government guidelines must be adhered to after travelling abroad. Parents MUST take it upon themselves to keep your child/ren at home if there is any doubt about their health and have a negative PCR test if any member of the household shows any Covid-19 symptoms before returning to nursery.