



## **Risk Assessment for Little Stars: Coronavirus Covid 19: Updated October 2020**

Little Stars is able to open for both outdoor and indoor provision provided that they follow the protective measures set out by the government guidance for out-of-school settings.

We recognise the important role Little Stars plays in providing enriching activities, giving children the opportunity to socialise with others outside their household and promoting their wellbeing. We also recognise the importance of this settings in providing additional childcare options to working parents and carers. Little Stars are obliged to comply with the main risk assessment for St. Augustine's CVA and the risk below outlines how the main risk assessment applies to the Little Stars setting in particular.

This document sets out the practical steps we have taken to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of the virus for children, staff and parents who attend Little Stars. We will also consider any guidance on local restrictions in the Stamford area.

Current local risk rating: medium

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Who may be harmed?</b>	<b>Area of risk</b>	<b>Controls in place/Little Stars response</b>	<b>Risk rating</b>
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	<b>Children and adults</b>	<b>Group Sizes</b>	Children to be split into two 'bubbles' St Augustine's and St George's; 12 children max. per bubble per day.	<b>Medium</b>
		<b>Room Layout</b>	The room is divided into two halves with each bubble having a half with seating, table, chairs and own set of toys and resources. Children remain within their bubble area at all times.	
		<b>Social Distancing</b>	Adults in the setting social distance from each other and from children as far as it is possible and practical when caring for young children.	

		<p><b>Adults in the setting</b></p> <p><b>Equipment/toys</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Play</b></p>	<p>The same 3 adults run the setting each day and this remains constant unless there is a staff absence or training session.</p> <p>All equipment and resources remain within the 'bubble' and is not shared or mixed.</p> <p>Toys/equipment and resources are regularly cleaned between use.</p> <p>Children remain in their bubbles indoors and in outdoor play with the supervising adults ensuring that the 2 bubbles have their own area to play in and the boundaries are explained to them.</p> <p>Children wash hands on arrival and before eating snack or use hand sanitizer. All children from each year group EYFS to year 6 only drink from their own water bottle.</p> <p>The classroom and each bubble is set up to allow children to move around safely and at a distance.</p> <p>Children are taken to the front door when their parents arrives to stop unnecessary contact with other people from outside.</p> <p>Windows are open to allow sufficient ventilation in the room.</p>	
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	<b>Adults</b>	<b>I. Infection Protection</b> Cleaning regime	<p>The setting was deep cleaned before re-opening. Unnecessary soft furnishings have been removed and toys have been reduced to de-clutter the space and for ease of cleaning.</p> <p>Each bubble has their own tables and chairs which are sanitized before the children enter, before and after snack time and at the end of the day, any equipment and toys used by each bubble are sanitized at the end of the session.</p> <p>The kitchen area is cleaned down after each use all plates and cutlery all soaked in hot water, the room gets vacuumed every evening.</p> <p>Staff wear protective gloves and aprons when preparing and serving food.</p>	<b>Medium</b>

Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	<b>Children and Adults</b>	<b>2. Respiratory Hygiene</b> Hand washing/catch it kill it bin it etc/ food handling	Children wash their hands upon arrival at the setting. Good hand washing routines are in place throughout the session especially before and after eating and using the toilet. Hand sanitizer is always available in the room for adults. Catch it, bin it, kill it is promoted at all times there are bins provided in each bubble that are emptied daily, children are reminded of how important the procedure is. Aprons and gloves are worn by staff preparing and food and thrown away after each use.	<b>Medium</b>
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	<b>Children and Adults</b>	<b>3. Response to any infection</b> Procedure if a child has symptoms Informing parents of a positive case Engage with track and trace	If a child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus Covid 19 such as a new persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste whilst in Little Stars, the child will be escorted by a member of staff to the designated room in school, which is solely for the purpose of isolating pupils/staff that display Covid 19 symptoms. The member of staff accompanying the child will don PPE and wait in the room with the child until further instruction that a parent has arrived to collect the child. The manager of Little Stars will inform a member of SLT who will organise cover in Little Stars. The manager will inform parents as soon as possible to come and collect their child and advised to go for testing and to isolate for 14 days. Little Stars will consult St Augustine's SLT and follow the advice from Public Health England following any positive cases.	<b>Medium</b>
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	<b>Children</b>	<b>4. Managing toilet usage</b>	KS2 children are sent to the toilet on their own and are reminded to wash their hands straight after; younger children are taken by an adult who can assist with hand washing after. Children go to the toilet one at a time to ensure hygiene and distancing.	<b>Low</b>
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus Effect of lockdown and closure of school and Little Stars setting.	<b>Children and Adults</b>	<b>5. Safeguarding and child protection</b>	Covid 19 may have caused mental health or wellbeing difficulties for some children. Vulnerable children may feel very isolated, have missed education, may have witnessed domestic abuse. Staff to be aware of the safeguarding issues that can put children at risk and the signs to look out for.	<b>Medium</b>

Here are some links to resources which may be helpful in supporting the children that attend your setting to learn about coronavirus (COVID-19) and promoting safety measures, such as frequent handwashing.

[e-Bug](#) has produced a series of helpful coronavirus (COVID-19) posters:

- [Horrid hands](#)
- [Super sneezes](#)
- [Hand hygiene](#)
- [Respiratory hygiene](#)
- [Microbe mania](#)

Busy Bees has produced activities for children to promote safety measures, such as [Our hand washing song](#) (PDF, 958KB).

[Professional association for children and early years \(PACEY\): supporting children in your setting.](#)