



Risk Assessment for Little Stars: Coronavirus Covid 19: Updated April 2021

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.

Hazard	Who may be harmed?	Area of risk	Controls in place/Little Stars response	Risk rating
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	Children and adults	Group Sizes	Children from St Augustine's and St George's in the club join to form 1 bubble when in Little Stars; we have a limit of 24 children per session.	Medium
		Room Set up	The room is ventilated at all times and children are encouraged to play in the outdoor space as much as possible.	
		Social Distancing	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.	
		Adults in the setting	The same 3 adults run the setting each day and this remains constant unless there is a staff absence or training session.	

		Equipment/toys	<p>Parents must remain in the school entrance when collecting and dropping off their child/ren. Children are taken to the front door when their parents arrive to stop unnecessary contact.</p> <p>All equipment and resources remain within the club ‘bubble.’</p> <p>Toys/equipment and resources are regularly cleaned between use.</p>	
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	Adults	1. Infection Protection 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>The room is fogged daily at night with anti-bacterial fogging machine.</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>	Medium
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	Children and Adults	2. Respiratory Hygiene Hand washing/catch it kill it bin it etc/ food handling	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Aprons and gloves are worn by staff preparing and food and thrown away after each use.</p>	Medium
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	Children and Adults	3. Response to any infection Procedure if a child has symptoms Informing parents of a positive case Engage with track and trace	<p>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</p>	Medium

			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.	
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus	Children	4. Managing toilet usage	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.	Low
Spread of Covid-19 – Coronavirus Effect of lockdown and closure of school and Little Stars setting.	Children and Adults	5. Safeguarding and child protection	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.	Medium

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.](#)

