

All8 Sensory Support Covid Policy



This policy is updated regularly in line with the most recent guidance from the NHS, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Department for Education safeguarding guidance and other relevant statutory guidance.

All8 Sensory Support is committed to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment for all learners. The safety and wellbeing of my learners is paramount alongside that of all other staff and learners onsite at Wick Yard. I continue to review my practice and procedures in accordance with the latest guidelines around COVID and take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the illness. This is balanced with my commitment to ensuring that children and young people still have access to their alternative education provision. On occasions, this can involve a move to an online session where deemed appropriate for the learner if they feel well enough to engage.

Advice for children and young people who have symptoms of respiratory illness including Covid 19.

COVID-19 presents a low risk to children and young people. This, combined with high vaccination rates in the population, means there are no longer specific rules relating to COVID-19 in education settings. However, All8 Sensory Support is committed to providing a safe environment for everyone including those with additional needs and therefore we ask that special consideration is taken when a learner has symptoms of a respiratory illness.

The following guidance is informed by the most current advice from the UKHSA and NHS.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend All8 Sensory Support.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can attend All8 Sensory Support and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If you are concerned about your child please contact your health care provider for further advice.

Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive coronavirus test result should continue to attend as normal.

What happens if a staff member or my child tests positive for COVID-19?

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. If I (Ali Alderton) test positive for Covid 19, I will avoid contact with other people for 5 days and will advise all of my learners as such. If at all possible, an online session will be offered.

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults where 5 days is advised.

All8 Sensory Support will offer remote learning for learners that do test positive for COVID-19, if they feel well enough to engage but are following advice to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days.

Precautions taken at All8 Sensory Support to minimise risk of spread of COVID 19 include:

- Spraying all equipment/items after use by learners.
- Offering hand sanitiser to learners.
- Encouraging learners to cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing and offering tissues – which are then disposed of after each use.
- Sanitising my hands regularly.
- Working outside and opening windows if a learner has any symptoms.
- Keeping a two metre distance between myself and the learner where possible if they have mild respiratory symptoms and taking the session outside.

I ask that you do not attend a session if you have:

- A high temperature (above 38degree).
- Significant respiratory symptoms.
- Tested positive for COVID-19 and has more than mild symptoms, for example a high temperature. Children and young people should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others for three days after the day of the test, returning when they are well enough to attend.

In these instances, we can discuss whether an online session is appropriate as an alternative.

Session cancellations due to COVID will not be reimbursed.

More advice and guidance around COVID 19 can be found at:

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

The UKHSA has also published public health guidance on [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#).

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Next review: 01/09/27 (or sooner if new guidance is issued)

This policy is updated annually and has been developed in line with the following legislation and guidance: • SEND Code of Practice (2015) • Equality Act (2010) • Children and Families Act (2014) • Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026) • Keeping Children Safe in Education (2026) • SEND Review and Green Paper (2022) • UKHSA health protection guidance for children and young people's settings, including education (updated 2026) • NHS COVID-19 guidance.