



Pandemic Policy

For the promotion of Health and Safety in the setting during the Pandemic:

Statement

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal. This policy and associated risk assessment are to limit the spread of the virus within the setting.

Who is at risk?

All patrons of the setting are at risk including staff, children, parents /carers of the children attending, any other individuals involved in the day to day operation of the setting. Some groups of people are more vulnerable to the virus and these include the elderly, pregnant women, and those with existing underlying health conditions.

To reduce the spread of Coronavirus, we will:

- Follow the NHS Guidance and check for regular updates regarding the Coronavirus.
- PPE is able for staff to wear, gloves, aprons, and face masks (if necessary).
- Parents will not enter the nursery and only one parent is permitted in the drop off/collection area at any one time – social distancing, 2 meters.

- Ensure that the staff and children in the setting use disposable tissues to cover their nose and mouths when sneezing or coughing.
- Make sure that used tissues are disposed promptly.
- Ensure that staff and children follow the NHS hand washing guidance and hands are washed regularly with anti- bacterial hand soap and use hand sanitiser.
- All staff, children, parent, and visitors must use hand sanitiser or wash hands on arrival.
- Children and staff will wash their hands and use hand sanitizer at regular period through the day. Hand barrier cream is available to prevent sore hands.
- Childrens and staff temperatures will be taken at regular intervals throughout the day.
- All visitors will be asked if they have visited any foreign countries or been in contact with any person who has been unwell before they sign in. Visitors will be limited at this time.
- Clean all surfaces and door handles etc... with anti-bacterial sprays and wipes regularly throughout the day.
- Staff and children must wear clean clothing daily. Staff will change into their uniform on arrival to the nursery.
- Parents will be asked if their child has been well over night and if they have had any medication before nursery. Unwell children will be refused admission to the nursery.
- Staff and parents must inform management if they have been in contact with any person diagnosed with Coronavirus.
- If staff need to self- isolate, it is paramount that child ratios are still met. Therefore, it is possible that funding places will be withdrawn from non working parents.

If any person is diagnosed with Coronavirus that has direct contact to the nursery:

- If a Child or staff member is '**diagnosed**' with the Coronavirus the nursery will temporary close to be deep cleaned and if necessary for children and to staff to self-isolate, fees may still be payable during this period, (to be confirmed) The nursery will remain closed until the nursery owner feels it is safe to re-open.
- Parents will be informed via social media and nursery website.

It is paramount we all keep safe.