

Risk Assessment Covid-19

We have detailed below the protective measures that will be put in place to control the risks to children and staff associated with Coronavirus.

Preventing the spread of Coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (touching contaminated surfaces).

Hierarchy of controls

We will be implementing a Hierarchy of Controls as set out by Government Guidance that will create an inherently safer system where the risk of transmission of infection is reduced. These include;

- Minimising Contact with Individuals who are unwell by ensuring that Children and Staff who have Coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend Preschool.
- Cleaning Hands more often than usual – Wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry thoroughly or use alcohol hand sanitizer, ensuring all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, grouping of children and staff, the layout of the playroom, outdoor space and routines.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

In General the Government Guidance states that, for staff, wearing face masks and face coverings in schools and other educational settings is not recommended'. The only cases where PPE will be worn by staff is where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of the Coronavirus and in these cases the staff member who is taking care of the child will wear disposable gloves, disposable apron, fluid resistant face mask and eye protection in line with Government guidance.

Groupings and numbers of Children/Staff

We know that unlike older children and adults, early years children cannot be expected to stay 2 metres apart from each other and staff.

It is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible. This will be achieved by:

- The Pre-School staff and children will be one 'bubble'.
- The number of people outside the bubble who are allowed into the Preschool will be restricted.
- Only one parent to drop off and pick up at the main front door. In general, parents will not be able to enter the indoor playroom.
- If your child is very upset then one parent will be able to accompany their child into the preschool to help settle them. Parent will need to wear a face covering, hand sanitize and not touch surfaces or toys. Also, as far as possible, maintain a social distance of 2 metres from staff and other children.

Activities, Toys and Equipment

- Only toys/equipment that is easily cleaned will be used.
- No soft furnishings, soft toys or dressing up clothes will be used.

Cleaning and Hygiene

We will be following the Covid 19; cleaning of Non Healthcare Settings Guidance.

- All adults and children will frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, clean hands on arrival, before and after eating, after sneezing and coughing, are encouraged to not touch their eyes and nose and to cough or sneeze into their elbows or a tissue.
- We will supervise and help children to wash their hands properly.
- Ventilation - to increase ventilation doors to outside spaces will be open throughout the session, weather permitting, and we will utilise the outside space as much as possible as this can limit transmission.
- We will be using bleach and detergents to clean tables, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, door handles more regularly than normal.

Drop off and Pick up Times

- Only one parent to drop off and pick up at the main front door.
- We will mark out 2 metre spacings from the front door for people to queue.
- Member of staff will sign child in and out.
- Member of staff will clean child's hands on entry.

Cross Contamination between home and settings

The ONLY ITEMS to be brought from home is:

1. A named bag containing 2 spare changes of clothes which will be left in foyer where a member of staff will collect if needed. Please include nappies, nappy bag and wipes if your child needs them.
2. A lunch box containing lunch and a small drink.

Snack will be provided for children during the sessions and water will be available throughout the day.

If your child is totally reliant on a comforter then please speak to a member of staff on arrival at the Preschool.