



## **Covid 19 Policy**

### Children on site

Department of Education guidance states there is not an expectation for children to social distance at early years settings. As a 1 room setting, we are not able to offer any separation between children but we will ensure adequate ventilation and we will use our outdoor space as much as possible.

### Entry onto the site

Access to visitors or parents into the building will be monitored in line with current guidance and any outbreaks within the setting. We will be implementing a strict entry and exit route onto the site to help minimise contact when dropping off and collecting children.

If we have an outbreak within the setting, parents will be asked to collect their child from outside and the staff will bring the children outside to parents.

During these times we will have a communication board to let parents know what activities have taken place during the day as well as sending out our weekly newsletter.

We keep parents up to date with cases of covid in the setting by regular emails and let them know what the current guidelines and requirements are and how they can keep themselves, their children and staff safe.

It is your responsibility and it is our expectation that at all times, parents maintain social distancing between themselves, other children and staff.

### Cleaning

Cleaning takes place on a daily basis.

The toilets are cleaned at lunchtime, before the after school club and again at the end of the day. This includes using antibacterial spray on toilet seats, toilet handles, toilet doors and sinks and taps.

At the end of the day all floors are cleaned alongside the cleaning above.

The kitchen will be cleaned before and after snack times and at the end of the day.

All soft toys and dressing up clothes are washed weekly.

All toys will be cleaned throughout the week with Milton.

An additional deep clean will take place once a week that will include the measures above and in addition, cleaning all carpets.



## Hygiene

Children and staff will wash their hands on entry into the building, before and after eating, after using the toilet, after wiping noses or sneezing and at increased points during the day.

Children will be supported to achieve a high standard of hand washing. Disposable paper towels will be used at all times.

## Isolating a child with symptoms or suspected case of Covid 19

It is imperative that parents do not bring their child onto the site and into the setting if they have symptoms of Covid 19. We will not be accepting any children who show any signs of;

A new persistent cough

A raised temperature

Further information about symptoms and self isolating can be found at;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If a child shows any of the above symptoms during their session, we will immediately send the child home. We will advise the parents to follow the current guidance and isolation period if the child tests positive.

## Vulnerable children and families

If you believe that either yourself or your child are classed as vulnerable, please let the preschool manager know.

Only parents can make a decision about whether they feel bringing their child into preschool is in their best interests.

## Support for children and families

We are aware that this situation may have caused anxieties or difficulties for families and the preschool will be more than happy to sign post parents to additional support. Please speak to the manager or a member of staff.

## Risk assessment

The preschool has completed a risk assessment that is available upon request.