



# COVID 19 action plan

We believe it is in children's interests to attend preschool for the purposes of socialisation, learning and development and their mental well-being. We want them to have as full an experience as possible while they are with us. As always, their safety is our priority.

The purpose of this document is to mitigate risk of COVID 19 transmission. It has been assumed that the likelihood of transmission is possible and that the severity of risk is medium for most families. It also assumed that social distancing will not be possible for the children once they are in preschool and staff will not be withholding physical contact from children if cuddles are needed.

Attendance at preschool will be taken as agreeing to follow preschool COVID19 procedures.

**No adult or child should come to preschool if they have symptoms of COVID19.**

## Child

- Hand washing for 20 seconds or sanitisation frequently through day
- Touching of face, eyes, nose and mouth to be discouraged
- Catch it, bin it, kill it approach reinforced for coughs and sneezes

## Symptoms

- Anyone with symptoms, or who has tested positive within ten days, cannot attend preschool and should isolate in accordance with current Government or Public Health England (PHE) guidelines.
- Anyone with symptoms of Covid 19 (see Covid 19 policy for full list of symptoms) must arrange a government approved PCR test.
- Children having been given paracetamol or ibuprofen in the morning cannot attend for 24 hours
- A child exhibiting symptoms during a session must wait away from others accompanied by adult in PPE, area cleaned afterwards, and hands washed for 20 seconds
- Anyone developing symptoms must isolate in accordance with Government or Public Health England (PHE) guidelines
- A child and staff member can return to preschool if a PCR test is negative
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid 19 within the setting, parents will be advised, and they must follow current Government guidelines on what to do if you are in close contact with a positive case of Covid 19.

## **Family**

- Mixed settings can be attended if the settings are following Government guidelines to reduce the spread of Covid 19
- Social distancing as much as possible in and outside of preschool and mask wearing when required
- Mask wearing on the pre-school premises
- Up to date contact details to be provided if there is a change
- Children to be collected promptly

## **Staff**

- Maintain social distancing where possible
- Observe Government guidance on safe travel
- Health and Safety training
- Lateral flow testing if feeling unwell

## **Environment**

- Increased regular cleaning of high traffic and frequently touched areas
- Tissue bins emptied at lunchtime and end of the day
- Resources e.g., sand, books, dressing up and dough for to be regularly rotated / washed / disposed of / sanitised
- Reduction of available resources
- Windows and doors kept open where weather permits to increase ventilation
- Change mats to be cleaned after every use as usual
- Potentially contaminated waste to be double bagged
- Fabrics to be sprayed daily

## **PPE**

- Masks are not generally worn in pre-school by staff or children
- Fluid resistant masks, face shields, gloves and aprons are available for staff to wear if supervising a child with symptoms