



COVID -19 POLICY UPDATE

The DfE guidance on protective measures outlines steps providers can take to deal with direct transmission (e.g. via coughing and sneezing) and indirect transmission (e.g. through touching contaminated surfaces).

The key steps the government says providers should take to reduce the risk of transmitting an infection are:

- Minimising contact with unwell individuals and ensuring anyone who has coronavirus symptoms themselves or who lives with someone displaying symptoms, does not attend your provision.
- Washing hands thoroughly and frequently for 20 seconds with soap or water, or alcohol hand rub or hand sanitiser.
- Catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue and putting the tissue in a bin straight away.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Minimising contact between groups of children.

Additional guidance from the DfE includes:

- Considering which activities are suitable to deliver, and which could take place outdoors.
- Staggering drop-off and collection times.
- Planning drop-off and pick-up protocols “that minimise adult to adult contact”.
- Considering how play equipment is used, “ensuring it is appropriately cleaned between groups of children using it, and that multiple groups do not use it simultaneously”.
- Removing unnecessary items from the learning environment and minimising the use of soft toys and furnishings as far as possible, as well as toys that are hard to clean.



WHAT WE AS A SETTING WILL DO TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF AND CHILDREN

- Children will be taken to wash their hands upon arrival and regularly throughout the day (Hand sanitizers will be available as well throughout the day)
- We will try to spend as much of the session doing outdoor activities depending on how hot the day is with the larger room as an option.
- Staff will be sanitizing surfaces, toys, tables, chairs, door handles, kitchen and toilets more regularly throughout the day.
- Children will be placed in small consistence groups (max 3) throughout the session. They will interact with the same adult throughout the session.
- Snack time will be 2 children per table

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN

- Parents drop off and pick up protocols will change to minimise contact. Staff will collect children at the main door upon arrival and parents will be asked to wait outside the door for children at departure time.
- Where possible we will prefer if only one parent/guardian will drop off or collect children at any one time.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP

- Please do not bring your children into the setting if they or anyone in the household have any symptoms of the corona virus. (Please inform setting as soon as possible)
- Do not allow children to take any toys from home to the setting.
- Parents will be asked not to gather at the entrance or the main door.

OTHER SAFETY TIPS

We will not be wearing facemasks however we will be wearing protective equipment (gloves & aprons) as before for nappy changing, snack times and if dealing with any medical or emergencies.