

01.16 COVID 19 Infection Control and Procedures Policy

COVID -19 or Coronavirus. Stock Pre-School will follow the guidelines issued by the Government in regards to procedures and extra hygiene controls to be enforced.

Procedures for September 2021

- Our sessions will revert back to their usual size, which is generally 20 children. We will be using our outdoor area wherever possible to ensure the children have lots of space and ventilation. There will not be any social distancing enforced.
- Children will now be able to attend two settings should they wish to.
- Staff will wash their hands upon entering the Pre-School Building using the hand gel and regularly wash them between activities with soap and water.
- Parents are no longer required to wear masks and may enter the premises to talk with staff.
- Our collection times will revert back to normal .
- Children will be guided to wash their hands after outdoor play, before snack times, after using the toilet, before going home and other times we deem appropriate during the session.
- All surfaces will be regularly cleaned - eg upon entry - swapping toys on tables, lunch times and at the end of the day.
- Toilets are regularly cleaned every hour - a check sheet is attached to the wall.
- At the end of a session, the whole setting will be thoroughly cleaned using an appropriate cleaner and carpets/chairs sprayed with a Fabric disinfectant spray. Outside toys are hosed down and cleaned with an appropriate disinfectant.
- We will encourage the children to catch sneezes in their elbows or with a tissue, bins will have foot pedals and they will be asked to wash their hands.
- Staff will continue to use the basic PPE - eg aprons and gloves when changing nappies and preparing snacks.
- If a child shows symptoms of Coronavirus:- new continuous cough or high temperature, their parents will be called to collect them immediately. We will sit with the child in the lobby area away from other children until collected. At this point the Staff member will be instructed to wear a mask & plastic shield for their own protection. Parents will be advised to follow the staying at home guidance issued by the government. This will involve getting your child tested. If your child's test comes back as positive, they must remain at home for the required time.

- If the Pre-School has more than 2 cases of children or staff test positive within a 10 day period. The setting will close and see advice from Public health England.
- If a member of staff who is double vaccinated and is living with someone that has tested positive for COVID -19 they are asked to take a PCR test before returning back into work
- All staff are asked to test twice a week using the Government Lateral Flow tests at home.
- For children that have tested positive and need to remain at home for 10 days their Key person will stay in touch with their parents to offer virtual support. This may be adding activities to Tapestry to help support their child whilst at home.
- Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household

Legal framework

Further Guidance

- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-info-for-nurseries>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others/>

This policy was adopted by	Stock Preschool	<i>(name of provider)</i>
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Signed on behalf of the provider	Stock Pre-School	
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