

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 from 24th February 2022

Our sessions will continue in 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 are able to attend two settings should they wish to.

Staff will wash their hands upon entering the building using the hand gel and regularly wash them between activities with soap and water.

Parents are **not** required to wear masks when dropping off and collecting their children or upon entering the setting.

Our afternoon collection time will remain as 3:15pm unless other arrangements have been made.

We will keep the building well ventilated at all times by having windows open.

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 COVID-19/Coronavirus: a new continuous cough or high temperature, their parents will be called to collect them immediately as we would with any other illness. Parents will be advised to follow the staying at home guidance issued by the government. [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts)

The following advice still stands: "If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have COVID-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people"

In light of this advice still standing we ask that if your child tests positive for Covid 19 or you suspect they have the virus they are kept them at home for 5 days to minimise the possibility of passing the infection around the setting.

Contingency plans

If the Pre-School has more than 5 cases of children and/or staff who test positive within a 10 day period, the setting will seek advice from Public Health England. If a child or member of staff is admitted to hospital advice should be sought by calling 0800 046 8687 (the Department for Education helpline). The setting manager Lisa White will undertake this responsibility. In her absence the responsibility is delegated to our administrator Nicola Deackes.

For children that have tested positive and need to remain at home for 5 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.

Should the setting have a staff shortage due to illness and therefore cannot adhere to current legal ratios the manager will prioritise children by age. The Risers children will take priority, we will then work down the list in age order. Should this occur you will be contacted by email/ phone and all privately paid fees will be refunded.

Legal framework

Further Guidance

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

- [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>
- [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- <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/>

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Signed on behalf of the provider	Stock Pre-School	
Name of signatory	Lisa White reviewed	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) Manager	Manager /Director	