

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 September 2022

Our sessions will continue in their usual size, which is generally 20 children. We will continue to be a free flow setting 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 Pre-School 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. We will be continuing with the existing dropping off and collection arrangements. However Parents are allowed to enter the premises at any point should they feel this will help their child settle better.

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 upon arrival, 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 throughout the session

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, a new continuous cough or high temperature, their parents will be called to collect them immediately as we would any other illnesses with a temperature. Children under 18 are no longer expected to test for Covid 19 unless directed by a Health professional and should just remain at home until their temperature has returned to normal. If you do decide to test your child and the result is positive please keep your child at home for 3 days or until the temperature has subsided and your child is well again. There is no need for your child to isolate if a family member has a positive result .

Legal framework

Further Guidance

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

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

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