

Covid-19 Health and Hygiene policies

Procedures for children and staff who are sick or infectious.

Following government, local authority and Public Health England guidance, a Covid-19 appendix has been added to our health and hygiene policies (particularly relating to dealing with infection and sickness). The main procedures are summarised here. The full policy and appendix is available on our website.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Child with symptoms

- **Any child** who shows **any** of the symptoms of Covid19 will be separated from other children. An adult will stay with the child until collected by a parent or carer.
- The preschool will phone the child's parent/carer immediately and we expect the child to be collected immediately.
- Parents should make sure that Denise has up to date contact details (including an emergency contact). Please consider whether any emergency contact you provide is more vulnerable to serious illness and whether they should be collecting your child.
- The parent will be advised that they are required to self-isolate the household and request a test for the child.
- **PLEASE NOTE: If a child has a new cough or a temperature, we will ask parents to arrange for him to be collected, self-isolate and arrange a test, whether or not there are other symptoms, eg of a cold.**

Adult with symptoms

- **Any adult** who shows **any** of the symptoms of Covid19 will be sent home, asked to self isolate and request a test.

Any child or adult with one of the symptoms of Covid19 should follow government guidance on self-isolating (whole household or support bubble) and engage with NHS Test and Trace process . (A guide to the process can be found on the government website - *NHS Test and Trace How it works*)

Please notify the preschool immediately of the result of any test.

Please also note the following procedures which will be **strictly enforced**.

- All **staff and children** must be well to attend the preschool. Any child or member of staff who appears unwell on arrival will be asked to leave.
- Any child who has been given Calpol or similar non-prescription medicine before arriving at preschool will not be admitted.
- Any member of staff or child who lives with someone with symptoms, or who has been advised by Public Health England to self-isolate, will not be admitted.

We expect staff, parents and carers to respect these requirements, so that the preschool remains a safe environment.