



Covid-19 Policy

Playhouse Pre-School Broadwater

Statement of Intent

The aim of this policy is to put measures in place to minimise the spread of the Coronavirus and to protect the staff and children at the pre-school.

Important Information

This policy overrules all other policies and procedures in the event of Coronavirus. Also, all staff and children attending the pre-school must adhere to the latest Government guidelines all times.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Developing
1.2 Inclusive Practice 1.3 Keeping Safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners	3.2 Supporting every child 3.3 The Learning Environment 3.4 The Wider Context	

Information about Coronavirus

Coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020.

COVID-19 symptoms may include:

- A new continuous cough
- A high fever (NHS high temperature/fever is above 38)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling tired or exhausted
- An aching body
- A Sore throat
- A blocked or runny nose
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Feeling or being sick

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

Preventing the spread of infection

There are simple steps that you can take to protect yourself, your family and others:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub available to buy in most supermarkets and community pharmacies.
- 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue ensuring the nose and mouth are fully covered to prevent any spray escaping. Dispose of the tissue as soon as possible in the bin and wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand rub to kill any germs.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home and work environment

Cleaning Routines

Daily cleaning routines will largely remain the same, as high standards of good hygiene are currently in place. However, in areas where there are hard surfaces that are infrequently cleaned or not cleaned to a high enough standard the following will be put in place:

- High traffic areas, such as sinks, toilets, light switches and door handles are cleaned more regularly throughout the day
- All resources and surfaces will be cleaned more regularly

Good Hygiene

- We will encourage children to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cleaning hands more often than usual – wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser
- We will clean hands on arrival at the setting, when changing rooms, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing.
- We will ensure good respiratory hygiene – promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- All rooms should be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows)
- PPE to be worn when preparing food and usual snack procedure must be followed.
- PPE (disposable apron, gloves, and face mask) must be worn for all intimate care, such as nappy changing and first aid. After use, PPE must be disposed of in yellow bin bags and hands thoroughly washed.

If you have tested positive for Covid-19

- Try to stay at home and avoid contact with others people for a further 3 days after your positive test if you are under 18 years or 5 days if you are over 18 years of age
- Avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for a further 10 days after your positive test

Further Guidance

Guidance is regularly being updated or published. Up to date advice can be found on the following links:

- [Coronavirus latest information and advice](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- Guidance for Early Years Settings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

This policy was agreed by the staff of Playhouse Pre-School Broadwater.

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