



Coronavirus Nursery Policy

The following information has been taken from our nursery policies and procedures.

This document only highlights the parts within the policies and procedures that covers Coronavirus.

Safeguarding Children/Child Protection Policy

The Coronavirus is an infectious disease which developed in China and quickly spread across the world. The virus effects people's breathing and respiratory system and is highly contagious.

In the United Kingdom the country was put into a Lock down by the government on Monday 23rd March 2020.

Main symptoms include:

High Temperature

New continuous cough

A loss or change in smell and taste

Anyone with symptoms should follow government guidelines, and self - isolate for 14 days or request a test by following the instructions on the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Vulnerable Children – All children who are on a Child Protection Plan will be contacted each week by a Designated Safeguarding Lead during the lock down period. Contact will be made by phone and email and will be evidenced for future reference.

If a child or parent is uncontactable the Designated Safeguarding Lead will lease with the Family's social worker.

Attendance Monitoring – During nursery opening times all attendance of children will continued to be monitored daily.

When re-opening the nursery, A Designated Safeguarding Lead will contact all parents who have not been in touch regarding the children's return to nursery date.

Any concerns regarding a children's welfare will be reported to Family Connect.

Designated Safeguarding Leads – Will remain contactable at all times during the Lockdown when the nursery is closed by Phone and Email. The Local Authority has an update contact number and will lease with the Andrea and Julian Mitchell (Owners) during the Lockdown period. Laura Davies and Jackie Poole (Managers) will remain contactable throughout the Lockdown period.

Reporting concerns – We will continue to follow normal procedures by reporting concerns to the Local Authority through Family connect on 01952 – 385385 or on the Emergency Duty line 01952 676500.

Safer Recruitment – We will continue to follow our Safer recruitment policy when recruiting new staff through the Coronavirus Pandemic. Ensuring all the relevant checks have been completed and logged.



Supporting children not in the setting – We will send out regular updates and information to parents by Email during the Lockdown period.

We will upload fun and exciting activities tailed to children being at home during Lockdown to our Facebook pages for parents to access.

On return to nursery, we keep parents updated with changes to the nurseries by Email. We will send out a Newsletter to keep parents informed of how children have settled back into nursery.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Once the nursery has re-opened from Lockdown we will continue to make contact with all SEN children who are remaining at home until a later date. The nursery SENCO will contact parents by Phone and Email to offer support and advice. All communication will be logged for evidence in the child's personal SEN file.

Looked After Children

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Sickness and Illness

<u>Coronavirus</u>	7 – 14 days depending on who has symptoms in the household. Or until a coronavirus test has come back Negative if parents wish for their child to have the test. Following NHS guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is an infectious disease and is highly contagious.• Following Government guidelines• If a positive test result is shown we will lease with the Local Authority, Department of Education and Public Health.
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Infection Control

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Any member of staff or child showing any of the symptoms will be asked to go home and to self – isolate following the Government Guidelines and take advice from the NHS. Isolation rooms have been set up at the nurseries for children to go and play in with a member of staff before they are collected by a parent. The isolation rooms will then be deep cleaned, staff must wear PPE when with a child in the isolation room.

Toys, equipment and all surfaces to be sterilised after use using Anti-bacterial wipes, sprays or Milton.

Staff and children to wash their hands more regularly throughout the day to adhere to Government Guidelines.