



## Covid19 Policy

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care. It is also my intention to accommodate each family's needs to the best of my ability.

Due to the rising number of Covid19 cases, please note the changes to my Covid19 policy. This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis.

There are no longer any legal requirements regarding Covid and closure of settings. However, I still have a duty to safeguard those attending my setting along with my family. Please note the updated changes to this policy.

### **In line with the new government guidelines –**

- The general symptoms of Covid now seem to emulate a cold/sore throat/flu type illness. If your child or anyone in your household displays these symptoms, please carry out an LFT. These are available at most pharmaceutical outlets for a small charge. **If it is your child who is positive**, please keep them **at home for a minimum of 5 days** or until they are well enough to attend the setting. **If any household member tests positive**, please also **keep your child at home for a minimum of 5 days**. This will help to prevent the spread and potential closure of the setting. Normal absence fees will apply.
- If your child shows any symptoms whilst in my setting, I will telephone you and ask you collect your child as soon as possible. I will endeavour to keep your child separate from the others until such a time they can be collected. Normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- **High Temperatures** – Must be free from high temperatures for **48 hours** without the need to take temperature reducing medication during this period. Normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- I ask that parents do not administer any pain relief medicine prior to a child attending as this can mask symptoms of illness. If your child is too unwell to participate in our daily activities and needs calpol, nurofen or other similar medication to keep symptoms at bay, please keep them at home. Failure to do so may result in the termination of our contract with immediate effect. Normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- If I should display symptoms, I will carry out an LFT. If positive, the setting will close for a minimum of 5 days or until I'm well enough to return to work.

- If one of my household members displays symptoms and subsequently tests positive, I will remain open as they are able to isolate completely away from the children. It is parental choice whether your child attends in this scenario, however, normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- If your child is unable to attend because I'm required to close, no fees will apply. Those claiming funded hours, will not be offered alternative days. I will not claim funded session.
- If your child claims funded hours with me, any absence due to illness/covid related issues cannot be 'carried over'.
- If your child shows **ANY** signs of being unwell please keep them at home. I'm asking this of you to keep everyone as safe as possible. Normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- If your child displays any signs of illness whilst in my setting, I will ask you to collect them straight away. Normal sickness/absence fees will apply.
- My job is to safeguard my family and all the families that attend childcare. This is in line with my sickness policy.
- Drop-off and collection will take place at the back door.
- Please don't ask me to make doorstep decisions.
- Please do not let your child bring any toys from home.
- Children will have the sole use of the downstairs bathroom. Individual hand wipes are provided.
- Toys and resources in use will be sanitised at the end of every session.
- Weather permitting, outside play will be a part of our day. Local walks and trips further afield will also take place and Covid restrictions adhered to.
- Social distancing for young children in my setting is impossible. I will endeavour to implement the strict hygiene procedures necessary. However, parents should be aware that their child will be mixing with children from other households.

**Adhering to this policy is the best way to keep everyone safe. I expect and trust that everyone will agree and follow these requests. In a changing situation, I will review and update this policy when needed.**