



## **Controlling Infection Spread and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

(produced in line with government Guidance 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings Updated 12 May 2020')

- Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene will be used as effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus.
- The Government guidelines do not require the wearing of face masks by staff and children in early years settings.
- However, PPE will be required if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in the setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask will be worn by the supervising adult if the distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and face mask will be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then face shields should also be worn.
- In a normal course, staff will wear transparent plastic face shields keeping in mind that 2m social distancing is impossible to maintain with our age group of children. If a child sneezes or coughs onto the shield, the concerned staff member will change the shield. The soiled shield will be left to dry, and then washed with hot soapy water.
- Staff will also wear gloves, making sure these are changed regularly through the day as well as wearing the staff aprons which should be put on and off just at nursery and washed each day at 60 degrees. Full PPE is available to all staff if they require it.
- All staff should take precautions to stand sideways when talking to each other (instead of face-to-face).
- **Changing nappies:**
  - Nappies will be changed as needed and if the child has done a poo.
  - All children staying for afternoon session will have their nappy changed after lunch.
  - There is a dedicated changing area in the cloakroom for changing nappies.
  - Nappy mats will be wiped clean with disinfectant wipes after every use.
  - Staff will wear disposable gloves and disposable aprons which will be discarded after every nappy change. Staff will also wear a face mask when changing nappies.
  - Soiled nappies will be double bagged in nappy sacks and discarded in the nappy waste bin.
  - After each nappy change the concerned staff member and child will wash their hands

- **Washing Hands.** Staff and children will wash hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly (following the govt. advised hand wash method):
  - When they arrive at the nursery
  - After using the toilet
  - After coughing, sneezing or blowing nose with tissue
  - After outside breaks
  - Before snack and lunch time
  - Every time a child puts their hand in their mouth
  - At the end of the day before they go home

In addition, staff will wash hands after changing nappies and before/after preparing food (fruit/veg for snack and laying out lunches). Staff will also use antibacterial hand gel after each time they are in physical contact with a child.

- **Respiratory Hygiene.** We promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Cough or sneeze into your elbow, use tissues and discard immediately. Wash your hands thoroughly afterwards following the 20 seconds hand wash method.
- **If PPE is running low at any time, please make sure the manager is notified.**

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