



Ladybird Forest Pre-School COVID-19 Operational Assessment

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The purpose of these procedures is to provide considerations and guidelines to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our setting. These procedures are based on Public Health England and Department for Education guidance for educational and childcare settings. Procedures will be reviewed regularly and where necessary, amended in line with any future official guidance.

All of the measures outlined below are aimed at **reducing** the risk of spreading the virus and it **must** be noted that there is no guarantee that staff, children or their families will not contract the virus as a result of attending preschool.

If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that results in localised community spread, appropriate authorities will decide which measures to implement to help contain the spread. DfE will be involved in decisions at a local and national level and will support appropriate authorities and individual settings to follow the health advice.

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Focus	Area of consideration	Recommendations/Procedures
<p><u>Children</u></p>	<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only children who are symptom free or are well in themselves after a minimum 48 hours off a confirmed test may attend preschool. • Parents and staff should follow the NHS guidance and in particular, evidence of a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough as well as other symptoms Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children - NHS (www.nhs.uk). Parents should be reminded of the importance of not sending their child to preschool if they wake with a temperature and feel that it is necessary to reduce their symptoms by giving, Calpol or any other products which contain paracetamol or ibuprofen. • Given the potential risk to others, we anticipate that the vast majority of parents and carers whose child has symptoms of Coronavirus or test positive, will agree that their child should not attend preschool for at least 3 days.
	<p>Social/Physical distancing and Health/Hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will seek to reduce the risk of transmission by implementing good hygiene practices. • Playdough will be replaced daily, and sand will be used and/or replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions. Children will be supported to wash their hands thoroughly before and after messy play. Frequently touched surfaces, equipment, tools and resources for messy play will

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		<p>be cleaned thoroughly cleaned and dried regularly in accordance with our enhanced cleaning schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular cleaning on resources/surfaces such as tables, chairs, sinks, toilets and door handles more often than normal, using household disinfectant sprays and wipes. • Facilitating good ventilation where possible by opening windows and doors whilst maintaining the safety of children attending. In colder weather windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation and periodically opened more fully when it is safe to do so. • Supporting children in age-appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe including regular hand washing, sneezing into a tissue and use bins for tissue waste, bins will be emptied at the end of session. • Supporting children to wash their hands frequently, with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly before and after eating. • Children should bring a named water bottle that is taken home each day. • There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and clothes washing following a day in preschool. • During warmer weather parents will need to apply all day sun cream
	<p>Well-being and Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well during this period and have regard to the



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		<p>government's statutory guidance working together to safeguard children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladybird Forest Pre-School Designated safeguarding officers are Amanda Sanders Manager, Louise Pinny Deputy, Laura Fleckney Pre-School Lead, Marie Abbott Pre-School Lead. concerns. All staff have received appropriate safeguarding/child protection training.• We will continue to provide quality of care and education at all times.• We will be concentrating on creating an environment where everyone in our preschool community feels safe. Fostering children's secure attachments will be our priority. We will continue to post regular updates on parent's Tapestry accounts.• We will remain alert to any emerging needs, especially where children may require additional support. We will also be alert to the fact that there may be children with additional or worsened, emotional and mental health needs as a result of coronavirus and/or may have fallen further behind their peers as a result of time out of pre-school or missed diagnosis as a result of a period of absence.
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	<p>If a child develops symptoms of coronavirus whilst at preschool</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child develops any symptoms of COVID 19, their parents will be asked to collect within the hour and monitored- it is down to the discretion of the parent if they would like to test their child. However, the child cannot return to preschool until they have had 24 hours free of any medication and better in themselves. • In the event the child tests positive, they should isolate, though there are no legal requirements. Guidelines state you should still isolate for 3 days or more.
<p><u>Staff</u></p>	<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff must follow the measures set out to minimise the risk of transmission between staff. This includes observing good hand and respiratory hygiene. • If a staff member develops any symptoms of COVID 19, - it is down to the discretion of the individual if they take a test, there is no legal requirements to take a test. • In the event a staff member tests positive, they should isolate, though there are no legal requirements. Guidelines state you should still isolate for 3 days or more.
	<p>Social/Physical distancing and Health/hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must uphold regular hand washing/sanitising. • Staff will be required to undertake more cleaning of surfaces than normal at the end of every day. • There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and clothes washing following a day in preschool.

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	If staff develop symptoms of coronavirus whilst in preschool.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a member of staff becomes unwell, they are to monitor their symptoms and if they feel a test is necessary, this is down to their choice.
	Personal protective equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks when working with children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . If a staff member wishes to use PPE or face coverings when dealing with unwell children/ talking to parents, they may do so.
<u>Parents</u>	Social/Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents can sign up for stay and play session but asked not to attend the session if they feel unwell. We will limit the total of parents per session to a maximum of three. • Parents must uphold regular hand washing/sanitising. •
All	What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any positive test results must be reported to the preschool immediately. • In the event the child tests positive, they should isolate, though there are no legal requirements. Guidelines state you should still isolate for 3 days or more.