



Ladybird Forest Pre-School



Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment-Health

8.7 Covid-19

Policy statement

The health and safety of the children attending our setting, our staff, and the families of staff and children are of paramount importance, along with the safety of the wider community. Children's emotional wellbeing is of equal importance and will be supported as skilfully as possible within any necessary restrictions. Staff will provide wellbeing sessions to help support all children during the pandemic.

These procedures are written in line with guidance from UK Government; <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. The Pre-School Manager is responsible for ensuring all staff understand and follow these procedures, and for updating procedures as guidance may change. This policy is additional to our general policies and Covid Risk Assessment and should be viewed in partnership with them. Some necessary measures may supersede our existing policies temporarily. Where permanent changes are adopted, existing policies will be updated.

Procedures

- The Pre-School will close as and when necessary through local and national guidance. The Pre-School will only re-open when the Government issues confirmation that it is safe to do so.
- Staff, parents/carers, and children should follow all necessary social distancing guidance, both in and out the Pre-School. This guidance may change; parents/carers and staff should ensure that they always keep updated and follow national guidance and strategies in relation to Covid-19.
- Numbers of children may be reduced and or a phased return implemented after any necessary closures, to ensure that all necessary hygiene, and infection controls can be implemented and to manage staffing fluctuations that may be necessary. Places



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will be prioritised in the following order: vulnerable children, children of critical workers, children starting school in September.

- The setting will continue to offer free flow play and children are encouraged to play outside as much as possible. The setting will be classed as one whole bubble this will allow all children to attend the Pre-School.
- Information about the current guidelines are updated regularly in our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. This is sent to Parents/ Carers and staff via email, Tapestry and is published on our website (<https://ladybirdpre-school.org.uk/>) whenever it is updated.

Infection controls - symptoms

If a member of staff or child has symptoms of Covid-19 and either has a high temperature or does not feel well enough to attend Pre-School or do their normal activities, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their normal activities when they feel better or do not have a high temperature. If a child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can attend Pre-School.

- Children should NOT be given analgesia such as Calpol, or other ibuprofen/paracetamol products before attending preschool as this could mask symptoms of Covid-19. The Pre-School reserves the right to refuse admission to children if this is not adhered to.

Hygiene controls

- We will follow our Covid-19 Risk Assessment guidelines regarding hygiene controls.

Infection controls

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Relevant Ladybird policies:

- 1.2 Safeguarding Children and Child Protection
- 3.2 Accidents and First Aid
- 8.1 Health and Safety

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