

Bramfield Stepping Stones Pre School

COVID 19 Infection Protection and Control Policy

There are important actions that children and their parents and those who work with them can take during the coronavirus outbreak, to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In all childcare settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These include:

- Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment e.g. smaller groups, minimising items within the setting. Supervisors will attempt to ensure that children are in the same small groups at all times each day, and different groups are not mixed during the day, or on subsequent days
- Staff (other than those who live together), will be asked to maintain the 2m social distance rule to avoid adult to adult transmission.
- Staff will be maintaining social distancing with parents.
- If your child has coronavirus symptoms, or there is someone in their household who does, they should not attend the setting under any circumstances. All children attending the setting, and members of their household, will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and we would advise families to get tested in this scenario.
- All staff who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, will not attend the setting in any circumstances. Staff understand that if they develop coronavirus symptoms, they are entitled to a test, and are encouraged to organise one in this scenario following government guidance on getting tested.
- Staff will be asked to wash their hands before leaving home for the pre-school and on arrival at pre-school and will continue to wash them regularly throughout the day.
- On arrival at Pre-school, staff will ask parents/carers daily if their child and everyone in the household is well and to confirm that their child or anyone in the household is not showing any signs of coronavirus, (high temperature >37.8 , new persistent cough, loss/change in smell/taste).
- Staff will follow the daily cleaning schedule and conduct a thorough clean of the setting at the end of the day.
- The COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance will be followed.
- Sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, hand sanitiser will be provided.
- Staff will clean surfaces that children are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, more regularly than normal – see daily cleaning schedule.
- Bins for tissues will be emptied throughout the day
- Staff will be asked to adopt a 'bare below the elbow' rule, including no jewellery, watches, long sleeves and in addition for fingernails to be kept short to facilitate the most effective hand hygiene.
- All staff and children will be required to:

1. frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly, using paper towel
 2. clean their hands on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing
 3. avoid touching their mouth, eyes and nose
 4. use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')
- Staff members will ensure that help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently
 - Staff members will consider how to encourage young children to learn and practise these habits through games, songs, and repetition
 - The main pre-school room will be well ventilated using natural ventilation
 - Staff and children will be requested to launder their clothes daily after attending pre-school and attend pre-school in freshly laundered clothes.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



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