

Bramfield Stepping Stones Pre School

COVID 19 Personal Protective Equipment Policy

Personal protective equipment (PPE) including face covering and face masks

- Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended by the DfE May 11th 2020.
- Childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children, and learners to wear face coverings.
- Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus.
- Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

Staff in the setting will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others. PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:

- Children whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs should continue to receive their care in the same way.
- 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 should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- If contact with the child is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should 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 eye protection should also be worn.

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