

Bramfield Stepping Stones Pre-School

COVID 19 Sick Child/Staff Member and Confirmed Case Policy

If a child or staff member becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, (a new continuous cough, a high temperature $>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$, a loss or change of smell and/or taste), while in the setting, they must be sent home immediately and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.

- All staff and children attending the setting, and members of their household, will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and we advise them to get tested in this scenario.
- To access testing parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over. Parents will be able to call 111 if their child is aged under 5.
- When a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days.
- Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group within their childcare setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- The other household members of that wider group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.
- In some cases, a larger number of other children, may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole site.

If the child needs direct personal care until they can return home:

- A 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 gloves, an apron and face mask should be worn by the supervising adult.
- If there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, the eye protection must also be worn.
- Move the child to a room that can be isolated behind a closed door with appropriate adult supervision. Ideally a window should be open for ventilation. At Bramfield Stepping Stones Pre School the isolated area will be Bramfield Village Hall foyer. If they cannot be isolated, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- If the child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible, e.g Bramfield Village Hall toilet facilities. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do NOT visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

- If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss or change in smell and or taste, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive.
- Staff members should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.
- The affected area must be cleaned with normal household disinfectant after the child with symptoms has left, this will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to others.
- See COVID 19 Cleaning the Setting After a Suspected or Confirmed case.

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