

PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY



SAFETY AND SUITABILITY OF PREMISES, ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT Coronavirus

Policy statement

We will deliver high standards of hygiene and robust safety procedures to try and hinder the spread of Coronavirus, Covid-19.

We will implement all procedures promoting high levels of well-being and support. We will work to support all involved to not pass the fears of others to the child and where possible we will promote a fun and inspirational manner; songs and games to support the procedures. We must recognise that the way the adults approach the health and safety measures will absolutely impact the way the child perceives them and we will need the support of parent(s) and carer(s).

We must recognise that children are exposed to new experiences daily and how we approach them as adults will determine how the child will approach them. We will adopt the attitude of 'never being too careful'. The aim for all involved is to be realistic about what 2-4 year olds can achieve and the best way to try and keep people safe.

Procedures

Personal safety

- Practitioners will be able to wear a mask and / or face shields whilst in the setting, recognising that social distancing of 2 metres will not be achievable during all interactions with children. We are following advice that this may provide a level of protection to others, if not ourselves.
- Parent(s)/ Carer(s) will be asked to check their child's temperature before their arrival at nursery to check it is below 37.8°C
- Your child's temperature may be checked on arrival.
- Staff will check their temperature before arrival at the setting.
- Parent(s) / carer(s) will be required to apply hand sanitiser to their child's hands before they enter the setting; recognising that many surfaces and objects will be touched before children access the settings hand basins.
- Children will be supported to implement hygiene practices; washing hands whilst singing a song for 20 seconds, covering mouth when sneezing and coughing.
- All persons who enter the setting must wash their hands for 20 seconds /apply hand sanitiser on arrival; after touching their face, coughing, sneezing, and using the toilet and before food preparation and consumption.
- All persons will wash their hands on departure from the setting.
- All persons will be asked to sneeze and cough into a tissue.
- Where possible facial tissues will be flushed away and if not, disposed of in the bins provided.
- Gloves will be worn by adults dealing with any form of child's personal hygiene; including nose blowing.
- We will ask that parent(s) / Carer(s) wear a mask during the delivery and collection procedure. This will help to provide some form of protection during transitions.
- Visitors to the setting will be restricted to those that are statutory and absolutely necessary; face mask, social distancing and hand washing procedures will apply.

Environment

- Children will attend significantly smaller classes with a continuity of children, classroom environment and practitioners. These reduced groups will be known as 'Key Person Globes'.
- Key Person Globes will be allocated their own toilet facilities wherever possible.
- Children will remain in their Key Person Globes and we will avoid, where possible, merging globes during reduced attendance.
- A one-way system will be in operation for parents and carers outside of the nursery; entering via the ramp and departing down the steps.
- We ask that pushchairs are left in front of the wall on the external perimeter to avoid congestion and that no equipment, e.g. scooters or pushchairs are stored at the setting.

- We ask that only one person delivers / collects a child from the setting.
- Only carers who are symptom free and have completed the required isolation period may deliver / collect children from the setting.
- Children will be encouraged to walk into the setting independently and parent(s) / carer(s) will not be able to enter the setting.
- Children's arrival and departure times will be staggered and parent(s) / carer(s) must maintain a two meter distance whilst delivering / collecting their child.
- Parent(s) / carer(s) must be prompt and time conscious to avoid large gatherings and people arriving outside of their dedicated slot.
- Parent(s) / carers must form a queue outside, abiding by the social distancing guidelines and their child will be sent out to them.
- Carers are asked to stand in the marked 'zone' area to take delivery of their child.
- Where possible the outdoor provision will be accessed by children and staff during the session.
- Windows and doors will be kept open where possible to ensure ventilation.
- 'Transitional' items will be restricted, including toys from the home environment.
- All toilet areas, sinks and taps, table tops and areas and equipment that are in frequent use will be disinfected regularly and always half way through the day and at the end of the day.
- Children's water bottles will be stored in children's labelled boxes to avoid children drinking from other people's bottles.
- Any object that comes into contact with mouths will not be shared;
 - *We will not be providing cups at snack time and instead will direct children to their bottles*
 - *Staff will each have a cup that is identifiable to them and will only use this cup*
- All kitchenware will be washed in the dishwasher on a hot setting
- Meals and personal care routines will be within the space allocated to each 'globe'.
- Staff will maintain social distancing with adults. They will use the various spaces available; the garden where possible and upstairs rooms to have their lunch break and will spread themselves out- always adhering to the 2m social distancing guideline and there will be no more than two people per room during breaks.
- Staff will wipe technology with antibacterial cleaner after they use it, for example tablets, iPod and telephone.
- There will be no use of sand, water, playdough and other malleable materials; this will be reviewed and guidelines followed
- Staff meetings and training sessions will be conducted virtually
- Supervisions with staff will take place in written form or virtually where possible. They will be able to take place with two adults following the 2m rule if absolutely necessary.

Symptoms

- We will continue to follow the government guidelines and ask that you refer to Public Health England www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
- You must check your child's temperature before they are delivered to nursery and they are only permitted to attend the setting if their temperature is below 37.8°C
- You must not give your child medicine to help them feel better before nursery attendance. Children should remain at home for observation.
- You must inform the setting if your child or anyone they have been in contact with is showing symptoms of Coronavirus. If anyone has been in contact with a Coronavirus case; suspected or confirmed, they must not attend the setting for 14 days in this instance.
- If a staff member develops symptoms compatible with Coronavirus, they will be sent home and instructed to be tested for Covid19 and advised to self-isolate for 7 days following the government guidelines. The test result will determine their suitability to work.
- Any child who is displaying symptoms; a cough and / or a high temperature, is prohibited from attending the setting for 14 days and their family is unable to attend the setting for 14 days. This will be regardless of an 'assumed' trigger of the symptom, for example if your child has a cough and you feel it's due to hay fever, we have to be cautious.
- Where a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their 'key person globe' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days

- You must inform the setting of symptoms that you as an adult or a child presents as these will need to be recorded and if appropriate, necessary people informed.

A child starts displaying symptoms of Covid-19 at the setting?

- If a child starts showing symptoms of Covid-19 while at the setting, they must be collected as soon as possible by a parent/carer.
- While they are awaiting collection they will be kept warm and sat in the covered and well ventilated porch area away from others. Supervision will be, where possible, at a distance of two metres.
- The staff member responsible for the child during this time will, where possible, be a staff member from their 'globe'.
- The practitioner assisting the child will follow the guidelines and wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); a mask, face shield, apron and gloves. All of the disposable PPE will be double bagged and discarded and the face shield will be thoroughly disinfected.
- The area will be thoroughly cleaned, immediately if the area cannot be left unvisited, and if the area can be left unvisited then cleaned after 72 hours
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>
- The person responsible for cleaning the area will wear appropriate PPE
- Nursery deep cleans will be requested should any COVID-19 cases be confirmed
- If the patient needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, it will be cleaned and disinfected before being used by anyone else.
- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in a setting they must be sent home and advised to follow www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
- In an emergency, we will call 999
- If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they will follow the up to date guidance on www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
- They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.
- Cleaning with disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.
- You can find guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings

This policy was updated and adopted by the Trustees of Pembury School House Nursery.