

COVID-19 Whitehill Childcare Services Ltd: Nursery Risk Assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Parents • Children 	<p>Hand Washing Hand washing facilities with soap and warm water in place. All Children and staff to wash hands on arrival. Stringent hand washing taking place. See hand washing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available.</p> <p>Disinfecting Staff will ensure equipment and areas are disinfected / cleaned before the nursery opens and when the nursery shuts and when needed. Staff will also ensure that cleaning of equipment is monitored throughout the day and is completed regularly.</p>	<p>Employees and children to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap and the importance of proper drying. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19 https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/PACEY%20general/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf</p>	Manager	On going

			Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.		
		<p><u>Nursery Drop off & Collection</u></p> <p>Children will be dropped off and collected at the front door of the Nursery for Caterpillar children and the green gate in the playground for Butterfly children. Handover will be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>When staff are letting children in or out or speaking to a parent they will be wearing a mask if close contact is happening. We are also asking that parents wear a mask when they drop off and collect if close contact is happening.</p> <p>Visitors will be allowed in during quieter times to view the nursery usually after 5:30 and will wear a mask when inside. Visits from other professionals will be allowed to come into the setting and wear a mask when around the children. Hand sanitizer is also available at the door.</p>			

		<p>Cleaning Frequent cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, toys and resources using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Kitchen surfaces and equipment</p> <p>Will & Becky: Cleaners</p> <p>Window Cleaner: Mark</p>	<p>Antibacterial sprays and wipes will be used to sanitize the equipment regularly.</p> <p>A disinfectant machine to be left on throughout the day for intermittent disinfecting of the rooms.</p> <p>Kitchen sides are kept clean and cleaned with anti-bacterial wipes before food is prepared in the kitchen. When the hot lunches are delivered the boxes are wiped over. Staff wear aprons when preparing food and frequently wash their hands.</p> <p>Cleaners to wear masks whilst inside the setting. They will also be asked to socially distance themselves from the children and staff will ensure that this is happening. All PPE and antibacterial products will be used.</p> <p>All PPE will be in place. Mark will be using antibacterial soaps to wash the windows and ledges. Mark will also be wearing gloves & masks to protect everyone around him and will ensure that they do not touch anything inside the setting.</p>		
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		<p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u></p> <p>If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 please keep them at home and arrange to get a COVID-19 test. If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS • you're under 18 years, 6 months old • you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial • you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons <p>Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19 	<p>Anyone displaying a high temperature (hot too touch), a new cough or loss of taste and smell.</p> <p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through line managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast-changing situation.</p> <p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19 • consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19 <p>Taken from NHS website 8/9/21</p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, loss of taste and smell or a high temperature in Nursery they must be sent home and advised to follow the staying at home guidance.</p> <p>If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.</p> <p>If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.</p> <p>In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.</p>			
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		<p><u>Soft Furnishings</u></p>	<p>Limited soft furnishings are out including dressing up, blankets for snack / activities, puppets which are washed or sprayed with fabric disinfectant at the end of the day or when needed.</p>		
		<p><u>Lunch & Snack Time</u></p> <p>Zebedees; Hot lunches</p> <p>Afterschool Club:</p>	<p>Tables/Chairs/Mats; all to be wiped down after each use.</p> <p>Food to be served by lunch assistants. Children will not be allowed to self-serve temporarily. The delivery of lunch will be made with the driver not being allowed inside.</p> <p>All containers will be wiped down as soon as they are delivered.</p> <p>The minibus will be sanitised after each run.</p> <p>All equipment/resources will be sanitised at the end of each session and after each group has used them.</p>		