

Apples and Honey

The Nursery on the Common

Controlling Infection Spread and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

(produced in line with government Guidance 'Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak Updated 17 September 2020')

- Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene will be used as effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Please refer to our cleaning procedures for nursery cleaning methods and routine.
- The Government guidelines do not require the wearing of face masks by staff and children in early years settings.
- Staff will wear face masks at the gate for drop off and pick up.
- However, PPE will be required if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst in the setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant face shield, disposable gloves, a disposable apron and face mask will be worn by the supervising adult. The PPE equipment used by the supervising staff member will be disinfected or disposed of as appropriate.
- Each member of staff will be issued with their own, named, dishwashing gloved and tabard. Staff will make sure the gloves are regularly washed throughout the day and their tabards will be laundered at the end of each shift. Full PPE is available to all staff if they require it.
- All staff should take precautions to stand sideways when talking to each other (instead of face-to-face).
- Parents must always wear a face mask when on site.
- **Changing nappies:**
 - There will be a dedicated area in the disabled toilet for changing nappies.
 - Nappy mats will be wiped clean with disinfectant wipes after every use.
 - Staff will wear disposable gloves and disposable aprons which will be discarded after every nappy change. Staff will also wear a face mask when changing nappies.
 - Soiled nappies will be double bagged in nappy sacks and discarded in the dedicated nappy bin.
 - After each nappy change the concerned staff member and child will wash their hands
- **Washing Hands.** Staff and children will wash hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly (following the govt. advised hand wash method):
 - When they arrive at the nursery
 - After using the toilet
 - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose with tissue

- After outside breaks
- Before snack and lunch time
- Every time a child puts their hand in their mouth
- At the end of the day before they go home

In addition, staff will wash hands after changing nappies and before/after preparing food (fruit/veg for snack and laying out lunches).

- **Respiratory Hygiene.** We promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Cough or sneeze into your elbow, use tissues and discard immediately. Wash your hands thoroughly afterwards following the 20 seconds hand wash method.
- **If PPE is running low at any time, please make sure the manager is notified.**

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