



Lyndhurst Pre-School



Temporary Changes to the Statutory Framework for the EYFS during the coronavirus (CoVid19) outbreak

Lyndhurst Pre-school will use 'reasonable endeavours' to meet existing statutory requirements, although there has been some allowances and relaxing of procedures and legal requirements during the CoVid19 outbreak.

A thorough Health and Safety and Risk Assessment of the premises were carried out and practical measures have been implemented to reduce risk. Ongoing risk assessments are taking place regularly.

If numbers of children in attendance are small and we meet the 4:1 and 8:1 adult to child ratios, it may at times be necessary to only require 2 members of staff on the premises, one of whom will hold a Paediatric First Aid Qualification. The Pre-school will ensure that we keep the safety and wellbeing of children as paramount if decisions are made to reduce the staffing levels. Priority for places in Pre-school will be given to vulnerable children and children of 'keyworker'/critical workers in the event of a lockdown.

The Pre-school has made some changes to the play area and also the areas where we can talk to parents/carers confidentially, and earmark isolation areas for sick children. The Pre-school practitioners would, in the first case, choose a remote outdoor area to discuss issues with parents/carers and/or technology such as email to communicate.

Children and parents/carers will respect social distancing on arrival and departure from Pre-school. **Parents are requested to wear a face mask when entering the School grounds. Staff will wear face masks when on the entrance door to let children enter or depart.** Children will be dropped off and collected outside the back Pre-school door. Markers are positioned in the car park for adults to respect the 2 metre social distancing rules.

Children in Early Years cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. Therefore parents are advised to keep children with any symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough and/or a change of sense of smell/taste) at home.

Also:

- staff who are symptomatic do not attend the setting
- any adult or child showing symptoms should not attend under any circumstances
- The Pre-school will follow Government Guidelines and protocol for suspected cases of CoVid19
- everyone will observe hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices e.g. good supply of tissues, access to bins, 'catch it, kill it, bin it' when using tissues for personal use

- we will increase hand hygiene and ensure that children wash their hands on arrival at the setting and before they leave. Guidelines recommend 20 seconds for hand-washing. We will also have hand sanitiser available
- we will minimise contact and employ physical distancing between groups of children and staff as far as possible
- we will stagger snack times
- we will try to keep social distancing at lunchtime
- we will minimise contact by requesting that children only attend one setting wherever possible
- we will remove soft play resources, teddies etc. as far as possible
- children will be asked to leave play items and toys at home and only bring their lunch box and a named water bottle. Children will be asked to bring a spare set of clothing.
- staff will use technology to pass on information to parents/carers
- there will be regular cleaning which will involve cleaning resources as appropriate. All resources will be cleaned at the end of the day or placed in an area for at least 72 hours to prevent cross contamination.
- malleable materials such as playdough will be provided new daily
- toilet area is cleaned during the day

The Government has decided that staff do not require PPE (personal protective equipment), however, PPE such as gloves and aprons are essential for nappy changing and bodily fluids, as is currently applied by all staff, in line with our Hygiene Policy.

The Pre-school will use 'reasonable endeavours' to meet the existing learning and development requirements of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), but focus is currently on the safety of children, staff and the environment.

These changes will be reviewed on a monthly/termly basis and removed when official Government Guidelines are amended

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Lyndhurst Pre-School Directors

9 November 2020

Held on (date)

Elaine Willis

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School