



COVID-19 Policy

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Policy statement

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff, and others on the premises.

The aim of Playday's COVID-19 POLICY is to update all staff, parents and carers who are accessing PlayDay nursery childcare Setting. This Policy includes the measures we are actively taking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this is to ensure that PlayDay nursery continues to operate an Early Years provision for all children and their families as mandated by the Government.

This policy is susceptible to changes that are made by the Government Chief medical officer and Chief Scientific Officer are unambiguous. It is therefore beholden on all staff, parents, carers, and children to follow this policy diligently.

This is to sustain a healthy and safe workplace/setting during this difficult and uncertain time. It is important that we all respond responsibly and transparently to these precautions in place.

PlayDay nursery assure you that we will always treat your private health and personal data with high confidentiality and sensitivity.

Infection control

The following measures have been updates in line with the Government advice. This is in addition and complementary to other measures. Should any ambiguities arise from these updated infection control measures with extent policy, then the below is to be adhered to. Any questions should be immediately directed to management.

- Children are to be met outside the nursery front door – Face masks are optional
- As per Government guidance, it has been deemed not necessary to do temperature checks at the door
- Any forms are to be completed outside by parents/carers. All accident forms will still be signed at pick up time.

Cubs room have a communication booklet which goes home daily. Staff and parents communicate through this book.

- Parents MUST NOT bring a child in that has been administered Calpol for a temperature or displayed any of COVID-19 related symptoms.
- One room in the nursery needs to be identified as an isolation room (which is the nursery office). This is to allow a safe isolation if a child or staff become unwell during the nursery day.
- PPE is to be worn by staff who are caring for the sick child in the isolation room, if the two-metre distance cannot be maintained. Staff to bring in a spare pair of clothes to change into following spending time in the isolation room with that child.
- All areas around the nursery undertake a full disinfection of all surfaces, door handles, telephones and other traffic areas using Milton or Bio cleaner
- If parents are unable to commit to our guidelines, then PlayDay nursery will withdraw childcare to protect all staff and children.

Self-Isolating

All staff, parents, carers, and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days from the onset of symptoms as this is when you are most contagious.

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough

Children that have been sent home with Temperature or unwell, will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others, until they no longer have a temperature (24hours clear, which is stated in our managing sick children policy on our website) and they are well enough to attend.

All parents must follow these measures to minimise risk of infection to our staff, children, and their families.

Handwashing and respiratory hygiene:

- Wash hands more often – with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Encourage and support children to wash their hands, help children with dispensing the soap
- If you cough or sneeze, use following principle Catch it, Bin it, Kill it. Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the bin and wash your hands
- Talk to the children in age-appropriate way about why we need to wash our hand and germs.
- Open windows and doors regularly to ensure air ventilation to all rooms
- We free flow but will encourage children to play more outside in the wide-open space whenever possible.

Staff- Sick arrangements:

- As its states anyone who is symptomatic will need to purchase a test and isolate for 5 days if positive result.
- Staff will now not test regularly and will only test if they are symptomatic

Staff/Setting:

- We need to be aware of current staff at risk for example – pregnancy and underlining health issues.

We have informed our current staff who are in this category of the current government guidelines

- Hand washing and sanitizer being used more frequently with staff and adults entering the setting. Including parents.
- Staff to oversee handwashing throughout the day and to help with the use of soap.
- Contact details have been checked and all parents are emailed/ texted we the current updates regarding the setting.
- Contact to parents to be made via email and phone in case of emergency.
- Depending on staff ratios will determine whether the setting will remain open, or we will have to close. Parents will be made aware of this as soon as the decision has been made and depending on if this is during a works day, we will contact them immediately to collect their child.

Staff ratios being – under 2s – 1-3 – 2years – 1-4 3+ years – 1-8

Action plan with a Positive Covid Case.

- Employee or parents have informed us of a positive case (Lateral flow or PCR test)
- Management to inform all staff and parent of those who have been in contact with the Person who is positive.
- DEEP CLEAN Everywhere