Stower Vale Pre-school

COVID-19

At Stower Vale Pre-school preventing the spread of Covid-19 involves dealing with direct transmission (e.g coughing) and indirect transmission (e.g. contaminated surfaces). A range of actions have been put in place to substantially reduce the infection;

* Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have Covid-19 symptoms, follow up-to-date government guidelines.

1. New persistent cough
2. High temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, your normal tase or smell (anosmia)

* Cleaning hands more often than usual with soap and water, if soap and water are not available a hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used;

1. Staff, parents/carers and children to wash hands on arriving and leaving Pre-school
2. moving between areas (i.e. indoor and outdoors)
3. after coughing or sneezing
4. going to the toilet
5. before and after snack or lunch
6. before food preparation

* Follow the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ NHS initiative.
* Children who develop suspected Covid-19 symptoms whilst attending will be collected as soon as possible.
* Cleaning of contact areas will be undertaken daily (checklist in kitchen), all bins emptied daily.
* Stower Vale Pre-school have a separate Covid-19 Risk Assessment to ensure that safety measures are put in place, a copy of this is given to all staff.
* Stower Vale Pre-school will communicate with staff/parent and carers in a range of ways to ensure that all are kept up-to-date with current legislation and procedures put in place.
* Spaces within the setting will be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) and will be monitored to ensure that overcrowding does not occur.
* The outdoor space will be used as much as possible throughout the day.
* In this ever-changing climate the Manager will be responsible for ensuring that Dfe guidelines are followed.

Linked Policies

Safeguarding Children

Emergency Closure Policy

Health and Safety Policy

Managing Sick Child Policy

Personal and Intimate Care Policy

Agreed by: Stower Vale Pre-school Committee

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