

## 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 taste 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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