

## **Policy Amendments**

### **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

#### **Amendment - COVID-19**

To be aware of any children currently under social services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also to be aware that any children currently not attending during a national/local lockdown, shielding or self-isolating may also be in need of help. Regular keeping in touch by phone calls and extra vigilance upon their return to nursery for any signs of abuse or neglect will take place.

### **Medicines**

#### **Amendment - COVID-19**

During the COVID-19 pandemic we will not allow children into the nursery with a temperature (37.8) and will request that the child and family self-isolate and get a test. The child must be free of a temperature for 48 hours and not have tested positive for COVID-19 before returning to nursery.

### **Procedure for dealing with Emergencies for accidents and incidents**

#### **Amendment - COVID-19**

If a child shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at nursery and becomes very ill, the emergency services will be called and correct PPE and rigorous cleaning would take place. Relevant authorities would be informed and OFSTED. 'C19LocalOutbreakControl@staffordshire.gov.uk'

### **Excluding children with Illness and Infections**

#### **Amendment - COVID-19**

Any child, staff or family member showing symptoms are asked not to attend Pathways or come on the premises. They must self isolate and get a test. Please inform the nursery as soon as possible with your results.

10 days self isolation if positive and symptom free for 48 hours

14 days for all family members if no symptoms develops

Follow the current guidance from the government

### **Procedure for looking after a sick child**

#### **Amendment-COVID-19**

Any child showing symptoms of COVID-19 would be removed immediately to a well ventilated area and the parent phoned to collect the child immediately. PPE to be worn when dealing with this situation and rigorous cleaning to take place when the child has left, including the bathroom area if used.

Staff would be asked to go home immediately if they developed symptoms whilst at nursery also.

A test must be booked

Report to the relevant authorities and OFSTED if needed.

## **Health and Safety**

### **Amendment - COVID-19**

We have enhanced our cleaning regimes at Pathways which includes regular cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces throughout the day, tables and chairs after every use, bathroom in-between use. Wipe down at the end of every day and a deep clean of all toys at the end of each week. Any toys found in children's mouths are sanitised.

Certain activities have been limited during the outbreak such as the amount of resources for the children to play with are on a rota based system, this enables rigorous cleaning to be done of the equipment used. Sand, water and playdoh is used once for that day and then thrown away. Any cooking activities will only go ahead if the recipe we are using allows all children to have their own separate equipment and ingredients to use.

## **Before and After-School, taking and collecting children**

### **Amendment - COVID-19**

When taking and collecting children from different schools, while on the playgrounds the staff will wear their face coverings as good practice.

## **Information Sharing**

### **Amendment - COVID-19**

Any information regarding suspected and confirmed cases will be passed onto the relevant authorities, we ask that any parents or staff let us know of positive test results immediately.

## **Settling In**

### **Amendment - COVID-19**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unfortunately not allowing parents/carers into the nursery rooms. We can arrange out of hours visits if needed or you can keep in touch through phone calls and messages.

## **Our Welcoming Environment**

### **Amendment - COVID-19**

We ask that parents/carers and visitors to the setting wear a face covering at the door, we understand that some people may be medically exempt therefore we ask that you stand back away from the door after knocking.

Hand sanitiser is available outside the rooms and inside for anyone to use. All children and staff will wash their hands upon arrival and our day will be begin as normal.