



Living with COVID

Early Years / Wraparound

This policy addresses the actions that Crazy 4 Kids will take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within our settings, this policy will be our working policy and will override previous policies. Our previous COVID policies will be reinstated in the event of an outbreak in the local area or within the setting.

Crazy 4 Kids will proceed with caution as the restrictions begin to lift. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with we will work towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education and childcare to all children. The evidence is clear that being out of education and childcare causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, including mental and physical health.

Prevention:

Prevention – All sites are fitted with clean air systems (HEXTIO) which filter and ‘sterilise’ the air frequently within an hourly period and this system does filter out Covid-19 along with ‘other’ airborne viruses.

All sites are well ventilated and wherever possible all sites are encouraged to work outdoors.

Control Measures:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
 - All staff, children and visitors will continue to be encouraged to wash hands regularly throughout the day. Hands will be washed upon entry and before leaving.
 - Staff will continue to remind children of the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. Tissues and bins will be placed around the setting.
 - The majority of staff in Early Years and Wraparound Care settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. Staff will continue to wear aprons and gloves whilst carrying out personal care needs and when serving food.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents.
 - All rooms and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised every day and our cleaning procedures will be increased throughout the day to maximise infection control.



Particular attention will be those surfaces that children often touch such as toys, books, tables, chairs, doors, door handles, sinks, toilets, and outside equipment. All other resources will be wiped down and cleaned with antibacterial spray or wipes during the day and where toys and equipment can be sterilised, they will be.

- All settings to continue with their daily cleaning COVID checklists.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
 - All our rooms will be well ventilated and where we can open windows and keep internal doors open. We will always make use of our outside spaces and will clean and sterilise outdoor equipment at regular intervals.
 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

When a Child or Staff member develops symptoms or becomes unwell with Covid:

- Staff, children, and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into the setting if they have symptoms and are advised to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19.
- If a parent or carer insists on a child attending the setting, we can take the decision to refuse the child if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Symptoms:

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can include:

- A high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.
- Shortness of breath.
- Feeling tired or exhausted,
- An aching body.
- A headache.
- A sore throat.
- A blocked or runny nose.
- Loss of appetite.
- Diarrhoea.
- Feeling sick or being sick.

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.



Illness:

If you have had to give your child any form of medication to reduce their temperature 12 hours before coming into the setting, please do not bring them in until it has been established what the problem is.

If you or your child are unwell, please DO NOT come to the setting until it has been established what the problem is. If your child becomes unwell or develops a temperature whilst in our care, you will be contacted and asked to collect immediately to minimise any potential cross infection.

Positive cases / Isolation:

Staff, Children, and young people with COVID-19 should not attend the setting whilst they are showing symptoms and are unwell to minimise the risk of spreading COVID. If staff, children, and young people are showing no symptoms and are well they can return to the setting regardless of Covid status.

Adults who have tested positive will not be allowed into the setting for 5 days, this starts day after the test was taken.

Children and Young people that test positive can return to the setting if they are well and do not have a temperature after 3 days. This starts day after the test was taken.

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Drop off / Collection:

During covid children have been dropped off and collected at the door, due to the positive impact that this has had on children's settling in periods, this will remain in place as part of our daily procedures moving forward. Therefore, to minimise disruption to the setting Parents and Cares will be not allowed entry into the building unless invited or to assist with a settling in visit for a new child.

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