

11 Covid-19 Policy

Policy statement

The setting will remain open in line with *Government Guidelines*.

As of Monday 23rd March 2020 the setting will be remaining open until further notice for the children of key workers **only**. This is on the proviso that safe staffing levels can be maintained.

The list of key workers can be found on the government website under the schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Children, staff members and anyone collecting/or dropping off their child cannot attend the setting:-

- If they have a temperature of 37.8° or above. Children that develop a temperature during their session will need to be collected immediately
- If they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough

Children and staff who are ill should follow *Government Guidelines* on self-isolation. Contact details of children need to be checked and updated. It is advised that Carers/Grandparents over the age of 70 or those classed as vulnerable are not Emergency Contacts.

- Employees that can work from home will be encouraged to do so to wherever possible
- If someone becomes unwell in the workplace with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they should be sent home and advised to follow the advice to stay at home
- Employees should be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds more frequently and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using standard cleaning products
- Those who follow advice to stay at home will be eligible for statutory sick pay (SSP) from the first day of their absence from work
- Employees from defined vulnerable groups should be strongly advised and supported to stay at home and work from there if possible