



Clyde Nursery COVID Policy 2021 - 2022

At Clyde Nursery the safety and wellbeing of all our staff, children and their families is of vital importance during this uncertain time. All children have the right to play and learn and to access experiences that meet their physical, social, emotional, and cultural needs, and they have a right to associate with their peers. All this has been factored into the development of a framework for the re-opening of Clyde Nursery.

Procedures we will be putting into practice at Clyde Nursery during this pandemic are:

- Enhanced hygiene and cleaning practice
- Limiting children's contact
- Maximizing the use of outdoor spaces
- Physical distancing between adults in the setting including parents at drop-off and pick-up times
- Active engagement with Test and Protect

At Clyde Nursery cleaning is conducted in accordance with the COVID 19 guidance for non-health care settings and Infection Prevention and Control in childcare settings. This is an extension of the cleaning regime normally used in Early Learning and childcare settings, with touch points, equipment, sinks, and toilets cleaned more regularly. There is a routine of cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched objects and hard surfaces. Toys and equipment that children access are cleaned when groups of children change e.g., between sessions and at the end of the day. Standard detergent and disinfectant are used that are active against viruses and bacteria.

Doors and windows will be kept open when safe to do so, to increase natural ventilation and to reduce contact with handles. Staff and children will frequently wash their hands through-out the day.

A new policy has been put into place to ensure social distances between parents at drop-off and pick-up times are met.

With evidence suggesting that outdoor environments can limit transmission and allow appropriate physical distancing between children and adults, we are encouraging as much outdoor play as possible. We ask that children come to Nursery with the appropriate clothes for the weather when outdoors. Hand washing facilities have also been put in place outdoors, to ensure that children are regularly washing their hands when moving from outdoors to indoors.

We are currently following the most recent guidance from NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government, which is: -

If your child develops mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or a slight cough, but they are otherwise well they can continue to attend nursery. If your child is unwell and have a high temperature, they should stay at home and only return to nursery when they no longer have a temperature and are 24 hours clear of paracetamol and are well enough to return.

A copy of this policy is available to view in the Policy Folders held in the Nursery Office, Reception Area, Nursery Playrooms.

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