



## **Clyde Nursery COVID Policy 2020**

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 carried out 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.

At Clyde Nursery we are following the Scientific advice given that it is not appropriate for young children to maintain physical distancing between each other and their key worker. However, adults in the setting should stay 2 meters apart, if they are not able to do this for more than 15 minutes, a face covering must be worn.

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

Risk assessments have been created to ensure that the new arrival process when dropping children off is covering all the main areas that must be checked before a child can enter a room. Such as the children's temperature check and signing in details.

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.

If a child, while at Nursery becomes unwell a ventilated space must be available for the child to wait until they can be collected by their parents. It is extremely important that we look out for symptoms within the family. The most common symptoms are:

- New, continuous cough
- Fever/High Temperature (37.8c or greater)
- Loss of, or changing sense of smell or taste

If anyone has these symptoms, they should remain at home and book a test for COVID 19. If the test is negative, then the child may return to Nursery if they have been free of all symptoms for 48 hrs. If a test is positive, they will be required to stay at home for a further 10 days, and all members of the household will be required to isolate for 14 days. We do ask that you inform the Nursery if any members of your household have to be tested for COVID 19 and stay at home until the test results are confirmed. If unsure of any of the symptoms, please contact your GP for advice.

Any visitors who attend the Nursery will have their temperature checked and details taken for the Test and Protect and will be required to wear a face covering whilst inside the Nursery.

For children who attend multiple settings, either ELC settings or child minders, consideration should be given to how they are supported to ensure good hygiene practices (hand washing and not sharing resources)

Appropriate risk assessments have to be carried out and record keeping of the other setting to assist in the Test and Protect process.

**All records are GDPR compliant.**

**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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