



Pandemic Illness Policy

Colerne Preschool Ltd

Associated with Covid-19

Policy statement

At Colerne Preschool our aim is to keep children safe and well, whilst following the latest government advice on any pandemic disease. We can achieve this by all working together and following our policies and procedures.

Procedures

The management at Colerne Preschool have a duty of care to all staff, children and parents that use our service.

Management will keep up-to-date with government legislation and advice on the best ways to deal with a pandemic illness, pass on any relevant information to parents where necessary.

Ensure that all staff have relevant in-service training on pandemic illnesses, and adequate PPE (personal protective equipment) where necessary.

Management and staff of Colerne Preschool will follow and adhere to our Safeguarding Children Policy at all times.

Management will endeavor to keep Colerne Preschool open and running. Only if it is safe to do so.

Strategies

All staff will follow and adhere to a detailed risk assessment. This will be updated as necessary, in accordance to the latest government advice.

Staff will positively encourage parents and carers to adhere to our sickness policy. Keeping children home who display any symptoms of a pandemic illness or covid-19, these may include;

A new continuous cough

A high temperature of 37.8c or above

Loss of smell and taste

Any child who has taken any form of paracetamol (including Calpol) or ibuprofen will not be allowed into Colerne Preschool until 48hours after symptoms have ended.

Any child that becomes unwell whilst at Colerne Preschool will be isolated from other children, and be cared for by one member of staff who will ensure they are safe and comfortable. Parents must collect promptly if their child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or pandemic illness.

Any child that has tested positive for Covid-19 must stay home for 10 days. Members of the same household must then self-isolate for 10 days.

All parents have agreed and signed a letter to say they agree with our Pandemic Policy and prompt pickup if their child becomes unwell in our care.

We will encourage social distancing of parents during drop off and pickup, by asking that parents wait at the end of the outdoor ramp to be called forward to drop their child off.

Parents and carers will not be permitted to enter the Preschool unless absolutely necessary. Management will be available to speak to parents at any time via the Preschool mobile phone, landline or email.

All staff will positively encourage the children in our care to 'catch it, bin it, kill it', by, providing tissues, regular hand washing and cleaning of equipment and resources throughout sessions

We ask that children keep their toys at home where they can be kept safe and clean.

Colerne Preschool will provide clean drinking water throughout the session your child attends.

Staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. This includes tables, chairs, resources, equipment, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, taps, and sinks.

Staff displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or pandemic illness will follow the latest government advice of self-isolating, and not return to work until well.