



Kingsdown Pre-school Covid-19 Policy

Aim

- The aim of this policy is to protect children, staff and visitors to Kingsdown Pre-school by minimising the spread of Covid-19 by following the latest UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency previously Public Health England) guidance on testing, hygiene, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases
- The aim is to ensure the setting remains open for face to face care and education of pre-school children and will only be closed in extreme circumstances including lack of staff due to illness or as advised by UKHSA

Main symptoms of Covid-19*

- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A high temperature
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different from normal.

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Lateral Flow testing

- Staff should carry out lateral flow tests if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19.
- These lateral flow tests must be registered on the Government website and reported to the setting's Covid-19 coordinator - Amy Bridges

Arrivals/Departures

- No -one is to attend Kingsdown Pre-school (this includes children, staff and visitors) if they:
 - are showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19
 - have tested positive to Covid-19
 - are required to self-isolate
- On arrival at the setting children, staff and visitors are required to sanitise their hands at the door using the sanitiser provided.

During sessions

- Staff are not required to wear a mask in the main room
- Good hygiene will be promoted throughout the sessions including:
 - regular handwashing during the sessions
 - encouraging everyone to use tissues or sneeze into the crook of their arm
 - promoting "Catch it, bin it, kill it"
- A CO2 monitor will be placed in the room during the pre-school session to monitor the ventilation in the room. If levels are recording as low then a window in the main room will be opened to ensure good ventilation

- An enhanced cleaning regime is in place

What will happen if anyone shows signs of Covid-19 whilst at pre-school

- Any adult displaying Covid-19 symptoms will be asked to leave immediately and follow the latest UKHSA advice on testing and when they can return to the setting
- The setting Outbreak Management plan will be followed for a member of staff who is in ratio and showing symptoms of Covid-19
- If a child shows any signs of Covid-19 whilst at pre-school, they will be cared for by an adult wearing apron, gloves and mask in an area away from the other children.
- The parent/carer will be telephoned to collect their child and must do so as quickly as possible and follow the latest UKHSA advice on testing and when they can return to the setting
- The setting will be cleaned in accordance with the current Government guidance
- The Outbreak Management Plan will be followed by the Committee Chair and Manager of the setting

Staff and children arriving back from overseas

- All staff and parents are asked to inform us prior to their travel overseas. We require full travel dates and destinations.
- On return from their travels, they are asked to follow the current government guidance for the country from which they have returned. This advice will indicate as and when they can return to the setting.
- We will liaise with the parents/staff to ensure a swift return to setting as and when it is safe to do so.

If the setting has to reduce capacity of children attending due to staff absence with Covid-19

Our aim is for all children to attend pre-school as usual however in the extreme circumstance that we have to reduce attendance or close the setting we will:

- Follow the priority of children attending as on the Outbreak Management Plan
- Ensure we keep in contact with the families and offer suitable activities online including signposting to other appropriate sources of online learning

This policy was adopted by Kingsdown Pre-school on 27.04.2022

It will be monitored regularly and updated as and when necessary in accordance with Government guidance.

Signed on behalf of the pre-school by **Amy Bridges**