



Managing children who are symptomatic with COVID 19 Policy statement

We aim to provide care for healthy children through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic trigger.

Procedures for children who are showing signs of COVID 19

- If children appear unwell during the day – for example, if they have a temperature, continuous cough, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – our manager/deputy call the parents and ask them to collect the child, or to send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf.
- The child will be separated from the other children and isolated with just an adult, to ensure they do not spread any infection. They should be placed in a well ventilated room or outside if possible to reduce any spread of infection.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing and sponging their heads with cool water but kept away from draughts.
- The child's temperature is taken using a digital forehead thermometer, kept in the first aid box.
- If the child's temperature does not go down and is worryingly high, then we may give them Calpol or another similar analgesic, after first obtaining verbal consent from the parent where possible. This is to reduce the risk of febrile convulsions, particularly for babies. Parents will be informed of medication given although will not be expected to sign the medication record when they collect their child.
- Parents are asked to keep the child off and isolate for 2 weeks and if symptoms persist the child can be eligible for a test for their child.
- If a child shows signs whilst not at preschool, the parent MUST inform the staff as soon as possible and follow the above advice. Any child who is absent from preschool for any reason, parents MUST inform the team they are not attending and the reason why they are not attending.

Procedures for staff showing signs of COVID 19

- If staff show any signs or symptoms as above of covid during the session, they will be sent home immediately and asked to self isolate for 2 weeks. If their symptoms persist, they are to follow the guidelines to not go to the doctors and are entitled to a test.
- If staff show signs whilst not on site, they MUST inform the management team as soon as possible and follow the advice above and not return to work.