

# Rosy Cheeks Nurseries

## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Policy

Rosy Cheeks Nurseries recognises the severity of the risk posed by the virus Covid-19 and understands our role in keeping our staff and children safe during this time. This policy sets out the steps we are taking to minimise the risk of infection.

### Signs and symptoms

Current signs and symptoms of coronavirus include:

- Temperature of 37.8oc or above
- New continuous cough
- Loss of smell/appetite
- Shortness of breath

However we will continue to check the most up to date signs and symptoms that the Government issue to the public and pass this onto staff and parents/carers to be aware of.

If a child, staff member or someone from their household has any of these signs and symptoms they must not attend the setting. They must remain at home either returning after accessing a negative test for coronavirus (of which they are eligible) or after the isolation period of 14 days.

### Child/staff begin to show symptoms

If a child begins to show symptoms whilst attending nursery, they will immediately be removed from their room/bubble and placed into an area of isolation (office/staff room). The member of staff dealing with the child will need to access the emergency PPE pack (stored in the office) and ensure they are wearing an apron, face mask/visor, and gloves. The child's parent/carer or emergency contacts will then be called to collect their child immediately. The child must then remain at home either returning after a negative test for coronavirus (of which they are eligible) or after the isolation period of 14 days. The PPE worn by the member of staff must be discarded immediately, double bagging it and placing in the outside bin.

If a member of staff begins to display signs or symptoms of the virus whilst at work, they will be sent home immediately. They must then remain at home either returning after a negative test for coronavirus or after the isolation period of 14 days. SSP will be paid in line with statutory guidelines for this period.

There is no need for all the children/staff in their bubble to be isolated until any positive test results are received or that individual child/staff member displays symptoms themselves.

The Public Health Authority will be contacted if a child/staff member contracts the virus and their advice followed.

West Midlands Public Health Authority Telephone Number 03442253560

During the isolation period, fees will still be charged in line with our Sick child policy. Any child who tests negative will be able to return at their next booked session. The managers reserves the right to ask for a copy of the test results.

### Testing

Testing is available to all that attend the setting and their families. This is recommended as this will enable us ensure the safety of everyone else attending. Appropriate actions can then be taken and the risk of the virus spreading can be reduced further. (See the government website for guidance)

Staff must access testing if they develop symptoms.

### Child and staff attendance and distancing

We will be keeping children in grouped 'bubbles' with consistent staffing where possible. They will use a designated space that ensures other 'bubbles' do not come into contact with them and the risk of infection can remain low. They will access care routines within these 'bubbles'.

The use of the outdoors will be encouraged as much as possible and when inside windows will be open to allow fresh air to circulate in the rooms.

Staff will also be encouraged to remain in their staff bubbles throughout the day including lunch times. Staff lunches will be staggered to reduce contact.

Any child who has been told to shield or is clinically vulnerable or lives with someone who is shielding/clinically vulnerable is advised not to attend the setting.

Both staff and children must wear fresh clean clothes each day. This will be challenged if this does not happen.

Medication to reduce temperatures during this time will not be given by the nursery. If a child needs medication to control a temperature before nursery they must not attend.

### **Cleaning and handwashing**

Thorough and regular cleaning of the rooms and resources will take place throughout the day (see cleaning schedule) using disinfectants. A deep clean will be carried out of the whole nursery on a Friday.

If a child/staff member displays symptoms of Covid-19 a deep clean will be carried out following them leaving the building.

All users of the setting are encouraged to ensure regular handwashing with soap (for 20 seconds) or hand sanitising. Hands are to be dried thoroughly. Children are to wash hands their on arrival/departure and at key points throughout the day, this will be fully supervised.

### **Parent/carer role**

Parents and carers to support measures at all times. Failure of parents/carers to do this may result in their child's place being suspended until the pandemic is over.

Parents issued with letter informing them of the steps we are taking and what is required of them. Regular updates will be provided if changes are needed

Parents/carers are asked to come alone to collect their child and only attend if they themselves do not have coronavirus symptoms. If they develop symptoms on a day their child is at nursery they must send someone else to collect. If they have symptoms their child must remain off until a negative result/after 14 days isolation.

Children will have staggered start and end times to reduce the number of parents waiting at the door. Parents will also be encouraged to social distance outside the nursery and stand 2ms apart

Children are not to bring items from home other than one bag containing spare clothes. Comforters may be brought if it is detrimental to a child's emotional well-being. Although these will be disinfected on arrival.

Parent should also where possible not use public transport to bring their child to nursery.

### **EYFS**

Children will be supported in developmentally appropriate ways to understand how to keep themselves safe at nursery i.e. handwashing and catch, kill, bin .

Children will need lots of emotional support during this time and this will be the staff's main priority.

Every effort will be taken to deliver the 7 areas of learning but this will done in the safest way possible and where resources allow, due to them needing to be clean and safe for the children to access.

Some activities may not be offered due to the high risk of virus transmission i.e. sand, water, baking etc.

Outdoor play will be encouraged as much as possible.

Extra support will be given to children with SEN and an individual risk assessment carried out where necessary