

To all service users of Cornerstone Pre-school Under 5's

**Introduction:**

This policy applies to all staff, parents, children, volunteers, students, and anyone else working on behalf of the Pre-school. This policy also applies to service users and delivery drivers visiting the Pre-school.

**Purpose of policy:**

- protect all staff, and service users, including parents, and children from coming into contact with Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- To maintain the minimum level of staff to continue to provide the welfare needs of the children in our care.
- To prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Pre-school closure:**

The Pre-school will close until further notice.

The Pre-School will ensure hygiene and self-distancing practice is in place and followed.

**Monitoring:**

The Pre-School is closely monitoring and gathering information from The Department Of Health about the spread of Coronavirus (COVID- 19) and the management team communicate, regularly and report back to staff and parents.

**Hygiene - General:**

Staff are advised to practice good hygiene and cleanliness standards.

- Regularly wash hands with hand wash and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Regular use of hand sanitizer
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with either a bent elbow or tissue and always wash hands afterwards.
- Avoid contact with others, such as handshakes and maintain a social distance of two metres.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash all uniforms each session.

**Hygiene on arrival:**

- Parents not to enter the building.
- Children take coat off and wash hands
- Staff to take temperature if child looks or seems unwell or if we have concerns for the child's health.

If an employee experiences any of the following symptoms they will inform their manager immediately, self-isolate and contact 111 for advice.

- A continuous cough
- Shortness of breath
- A high temperature

- loss or change to your sense of smell
- loss or change to your sense of taste

Asymptomatic testing From 21 February 2022, staff will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population.

Tracing close contacts and self-isolation public health advice for People with COVID-19 and their contacts changed from 24 February. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

Whilst the legal requirement to isolate following a positive COVID-19 test has now ended, the Government is still advising people (including children under the age of 5) to stay at home when they test positive. In order to keep people in our setting safe, we do ask parents and carers to follow this advice.

With a positive case, 5 days after their symptoms started (or they tested positive if they did not have symptoms) they can start to LFT test. Once they have had 2 negative LFT test results 24 hours apart, they can return to the setting (as long as they do not have a high temperature).

**This policy was agreed by committee on 6th November 2023 ..... (Date)**

**Signed on behalf of the preschool.....(Chair)**