

Robin Nursery

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Policy and Procedure (updated 22/11/2021)

Introduction

This policy applies to all employees, parents, children and anyone else connected to or working on behalf of Robin Nursery

Purpose of Policy

- To protect all employees 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 for the children in our care.
- To prevent the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Hygiene –General

Employees are advised to practice good hygiene and cleanliness standards.

- Staff should only attend the nursery if they are well and symptom free of Coronavirus, or have completed the advised isolation period.
- Regularly wash hands with hand wash and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Regular use of hand sanitiser
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with either a bent elbow or tissue, and always wash hands afterwards
- Pay regard to the 'LIVING WITH COVID-19 PLAN' (published March 2022)

Control measures

We will:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Hygiene on Arrival

- Parents and visitors will now be invited in into the setting.
- No toys or comforters from home to be brought into the nursery please unless absolutely necessary to help the child settle happily.
- Adults must not gather outside the building or in the porch area.
- Each child will be met at the door by staff member and taken to wash their hands.
- Children and staff members must not attend if they have any symptoms of Coronavirus even if the symptoms are mild and the child seems well in themselves. Staff may consider taking temperatures of children on arrival. Staff are aware that we are now entering the 'cold season' so normal cold symptoms ie runny nose might be apparent, but we withhold the right to refuse admission to children who are unwell or who have been given Calpol or similar medication in the last 12 hours.

Management of Provision	Steps to be taken in the setting
Maintaining hygiene through the day	<p>All surfaces and equipment will be cleaned at the beginning, end, and during the day.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged in an age-appropriate way to manage their self-hygiene, practising wiping their noses and putting tissues in the bin before washing their hands (catch it, bin it, kill it)</p>
Snack and lunchtime	<p>Children will need to bring a healthy snack for mid morning, this is to reduce staff spending time preparing snack and to reduce unnecessary contact with food.</p> <p>Children will sit on chairs in a small social group while eating.</p> <p>Children will wash their hands before and after eating</p>
Toilets and nappy changing	<p>PPE will be worn by staff while changing nappies or helping children on the toilet or with a change of clothes. Although we are still happy and able to help children get changed out of wet clothes if needed, we may need to talk to you about the risk of continued personal contact if it happens frequently. Please let us know if you have recently begun to toilet train your child.</p>
In the case of suspected illness	<p>If a child shows signs of being unwell during the session, the child's parent will be contacted immediately. While waiting for collection, a member of staff might move the child to an area away from other children. The adult will stay with the child, observing the 2 metre distancing rule if possible. However in the case of a young child or where direct care is needed then the adult should wear PPE</p>

Reviewed - 4th March 2022

Signed for nursery – Teresa Cutler (Manager)

Signed – Jenny Barnes (Chairperson)

