

Ashenground Community Preschool Prioritised Risk Assessment Covid - 19 September 2021

Hall/area/children/ visitors/delivery staff/contractors are referred to in this risk assessment:

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What are the hazards	Who might be affected	RECOMMENDATIONS Measures of control to be implemented	Measures of control to be consider controlling the risks
Individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms	Children Practitioners Parents Visitors	<p>The NHS recognise the main symptoms of coronavirus as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever and high temperature – people will feel “hot to touch” on their chest or back • new, continuous dry cough – the NHS define this as coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • loss or change to the sense of smell or taste. <p>Anyone (staff, parent(s)/carer(s) or children) with these symptoms should get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible. They should also stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until they get their test result. They will also need to Check if people they live with need to self-isolate</p> <p>If parent(s)/carer(s) or staff are worried about their own or their child’s symptoms or not sure what to do they should contact NHS 111 online or call NHS 111. For a medical emergency they should dial 999.</p>	<p>Letter sent home to parents with risk assessment attached which explains what they should do if they or their child has COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Staff confirm that they have read and understood the COVID-19 policy.</p> <p>Visitors to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result.</p>
Illness on-site	Children Practitioners Visitors	<p>Anyone who becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell, will be sent home and advised to follow the guidance found</p> <p>If a child is awaiting collection, staff should follow our normal ‘Sickness Policy’, however additional measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child awaiting collection should be moved away from other children and staff (at least 2m). A window should 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent must agree to promptly come and collect if necessary. • Parents to confirm emergency details are correct before returning to the setting. • In case of a confirmed or symptomatic case cleaning will be undertaken in line with information

		<p>be kept open for natural ventilation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The member of staff will wear PPE – gloves, apron, mask and visor/eye protection. • If the child needs to use the toilet, it should then be cleaned using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else. • The unwell child must be tested and will only be allowed back to preschool after a negative test result or appropriate isolation has finished. <p>In an emergency, staff call 999 if their colleague or the child are seriously ill, or their life is at risk.</p>	<p>on the government website. The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area where a person with possible or confirmed COVID-19 is disposable gloves and an apron. Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning, where a mask if there is a risk. Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To dispose of waste from people with symptoms of coronavirus, such as disposable cleaning cloths, tissues, and PPE. • Put it in a plastic rubbish bag and tie it. • Place the plastic bag in a second bin bag and tie it. • It should not be placed in communal waste areas until the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours.
<p>Contracting or spreading coronavirus by not washing hands or not washing them adequately, or not having good respiratory hygiene in place.</p>	<p>Children Practitioners Parents Visitors Contractors Delivery staff</p>	<p>Following the Government PHE endorsed ‘control measures’ Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is regular practice.</p> <p>We continue to ensure that children clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water, wet wipes or hand sanitiser. Provide information on how to wash hands properly and display posters.</p> <p>To clean hands, wash thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.</p> <p>Provide hand sanitiser for the occasions when people can’t wash their hands.</p>	<p>Children might not want to wash their hands.</p> <p>Put in place monitoring and supervision to make sure staff are following controls</p> <p>Put signs up to remind people to wash their hands.</p> <p>Provide information to the team about when and where they need to wash their hands.</p>

		<p>Young children and those with complex needs should continue to be helped to clean their hands properly. Skin friendly cleaning wipes can be used as an alternative.</p> <p>Follow the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach. Displayed the e-bug poster in the toilets.</p> <p>Ensure there are always enough tissues and bins available. Dispose of tissues into a disposable rubbish bag and immediately clean hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>Identify if and where additional hand washing facilities may be needed. If people can’t wash hands, provide information about how and when to use hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Make sure people are checking their skin for dryness and cracking and tell them to report to you if there is a problem.</p> <p>Ensure children develop good hand washing routines, before eating, after nose wiping, after using the bathroom, after messy play, after outdoor play.</p>
Contracting or spreading coronavirus by not cleaning surfaces, equipment/tables	Children Practitioners Parents Visitors Contractor	<p>Follow the Government PHE endorsed ‘control measures’ We have a cleaning schedule in place.</p> <p>This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment (for example, twice per day) with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.</p>	<p>Cleaning products must be available</p> <p>Monitoring and supervision to make sure people are following controls.</p>
Contracting or spreading coronavirus by not using or wearing the correct PPE/face coverings when needed	Children Practitioners Parents Visitors Contractors	<p>Following the Government PHE endorsed ‘control measures’ From September 4th, face coverings will no longer be recommended for staff and visitors in corridors or communal areas, although providers are able to make their own decisions regarding face coverings in communal areas.</p>	<p>Situations indoors where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).</p> <p>We recommend the use of face coverings, for adults on site, for both staff and visitors whilst acknowledging some individuals may be exempt.</p>

<p>Poor workplace ventilation leading to risks of coronavirus spreading</p>	<p>Children Practitioners Parents Visitors</p>	<p>Follow the Government PHE endorsed ‘control measures’</p> <p>We ensure the premises are well ventilated and that a comfortable environment is maintained. Windows are opened throughout the session.</p> <p>Mechanical ventilation system is in place in our small kitchen, staff toilet and children’s toilet.</p> <p>We balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature.</p>	
<p>Increased risk of infection and complications for vulnerable children and adults</p>	<p>Children Practitioners Parents</p>	<p>We identify who in the preschool falls into one of the following categories:</p> <p>People self-isolating</p> <p>People with symptoms of coronavirus</p> <p>Pregnant practitioner, etc.</p>	<p>Practitioners know to notify the preschool manager that they fall into one of these categories, e.g., they start chemotherapy or are pregnant</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>Parents Practitioners Visitors</p>	<p>Parents must be informed of the role they play in a safe operating procedure and of all the safety measures being put in place to ensure the safety of themselves and their children.</p> <p>Ensure staff are aware and happy with plans and safety measures.</p> <p>Visitors are allowed to the setting by appointment.</p> <p>Face covering should be worn when entering the inside of the preschool.</p> <p>Gate to be padlocked during the session.</p>	<p>Information to be sent out and must be read by parents before returning to setting.</p> <p>Practitioners have read and are happy with risk assessment</p>

All practitioners take part in asymptomatic testing. The tests are taken before going to the Preschool to minimise the risk of introducing infection and are evenly spaced throughout the week. Practitioners returning to work after a period of leave take an LFD test at the beginning of their shift. Part-time staff - still broadly space their 2 tests throughout the week. If staff have a positive test result on a lateral flow test then they will need to get a **free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. While awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive rapid lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the rapid lateral flow test and they can return to the setting, as long as the individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms.**

Please refer to our covid - 19 policy for more details.