



COVID 19

SMARTIES PRE SCHOOL & OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

POLICY STATEMENT

Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club actively look to follow the advice given by the Department of Health and the Department for Education and the Local Authority to influence our decisions in relation to the running of the Pre-School and Out of School Club.

The well-being, safety, and security of all the children in the setting is our main concern and in light of the recent COVID19 pandemic this policy has been implemented to ensure the safety of all staff members and children attending setting.

Covid Symptoms

COVID19 spreads rapidly and the varying symptoms, listed below, according to the government supported 'ZOE Study' should be noted.

- A raised temperature (adult 38° or more, children 37.5° or more).
- Anosmia (Loss of smell and taste)
- Aching limbs
- Headache (one of the earliest signs of COVID19).
- Runny Nose/Stuffy Nose (Second most common symptom).
- Sneezing (Sign of COVID19 in vaccinated people).
- Sore Throat (Similar to that of a cold or laryngitis).
- Loss of Smell (Strongest indicator of COVID19).
- Persistent Cough (One of the three main symptoms of COVID19).
- According to the ZOE study, COVID19 symptoms can differ depending on whether you 'are' or, 'are not' vaccinated. Covid19 symptoms may also change with each different variant, so it's best to check current government guidance at the time of checking.

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID19), there are actions we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infection, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people. It is also important to note that we may have children and staff at the setting who fall under the vulnerable and extremely vulnerable category.

With this in mind, we would politely ask that as parents/carer's you don't bring yourself or your child to Preschool or Out of School Club if you or they are displaying COVID19 like symptoms.

If your child displays any of the above symptoms whilst at the setting, we will of course contact you to let you know.



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At the current time, and to keep our environment as clean and safe as we can for staff and children, we will continue to make antibacterial handwash available within the setting. Face masks may be worn at the staff or visitor's discretion.

Procedure for Managing COVID19 Cases.

Symptomatic child or staff member in Smarties Preschool and Out of School Club

- If a child is awaiting collection, they will be taken to a separate area and, if possible, a window will be opened for fresh air ventilation. (Children will always be accompanied by an adult).
- If appropriate PPE will be used if close contact (within 2 metres) is necessary.
- Any rooms used will be cleaned after the symptomatic person has left.

Notification of a Positive Covid19 Test Result

In the interests of protecting our staff and other children at the setting, we politely ask that any staff member, volunteer, or child whose rapid lateral flow test comes back positive or who develops Covid19 symptoms remains away from the setting until they have tested negative.

Whilst we understand that we can't enforce this, we really hope that parents and staff can work alongside and support each other on this to minimise cross-infection.

Any staff member who is clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable to Covid19 should make their line manager (Pre School-Lead or Out of School Lead) aware that this is the case and follow the latest government guidance.

Parents of children who are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable should make the Pre School-Lead or After School Lead aware that this is the case and follow the latest government guidance.

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