



At Stretton Lodge, we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. Viruses and infections can be easily passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand / face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

Covid-19 amendment

To prevent the spread of covid-19 additional measures have been put in place:

- **Frequent handwashing for both staff and children**
- **Additional PPE provided in the case of caring for a child with coronavirus symptoms**
- **Additional cleaning of all toys and resources at the end of each session / after each use**
- **Additional cleaning of the setting and any frequently touched surfaces**
- **Social distancing of parents, staff and visitors**
- **Reducing group sizes and not allowing groups to mix within the setting**
- **Exclusion of staff, children and visitors that have coronavirus symptoms**

Any child that develops symptoms of coronavirus i.e. a high temperature, a new and persistent cough or loss of taste or smell, will be isolated immediately away from the other children. Parents will be contacted to collect their child straight away. Whilst awaiting collection the child will be cared for in a designated area by a member of staff. Where that member of staff cannot maintain a distance of 2 meters from the child they will wear additional PPE including a face mask.

We will follow PHE guidance and carry out deep cleaning of the setting. Any child that has had coronavirus symptoms will not be allowed back until we have received confirmation of a negative test or they have isolated for 10 days.



We follow the guidance below to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the nursery.

Our staff:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the day
- Remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser, sterilising fluid or through washing in the washing machine
- Wash or clean all equipment used by babies and toddlers as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth
- Store dummies in individual child's bag to prevent cross-contamination with other children
- Immediately clean and sterilise (where necessary) any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is picked up by another child
- Provide labelled individual bedding for children that is not used by any other child and wash this at least once a week
- Ask parents and visitors to remove all outdoor footwear or use shoe covers when entering day nursery where children may be crawling or sitting on the floor
- Where applicable wear specific indoor shoes or slippers whilst inside the rooms and make sure that children wear them as well
- Follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the nursery. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.



In addition:

- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- Periodically each room in the nursery will be deep cleaned including carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are maintained at all times and increased during the winter months or when flu and cold germs are circulating.