



Coronavirus Policy

Overview:

This policy may be amended or added to at any time, it will be updated, as appropriate, to reflect changing advice.

Prevention and Control Measures:

Lavington Preschool will keep in place baseline infection and prevention and control measures to help manage the spread of infection.

- Ensuring all eligible groups can take up the offer of the national vaccination programme including COVID-19 and flu.
- Ensure occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in. Co2 monitors re installed in both classrooms.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin straight away.
- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – only use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces regularly through the day.
- PPE is available for staff and any visitors.
- Daily enhanced cleaning to be carried out every day.
- Deep cleaning to be carried out every holiday including carpet cleaning and following any outbreak.
- Children will wash their hands on arrival at the setting and will wash their hands before and after eating any food.
- Children are required to supply their own labelled drink and snack to prevent cross infection.
- Water and milk will still be freely available in the setting but will be closely monitored by staff to ensure the children do not share cups.
- Soft furnishings in the setting will be cleaned weekly.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Exclusion:

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting. **Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result you should try to keep them at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.** They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children who usually attend pre-school and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result can continue to attend as normal but we do ask that children who are unwell, showing symptoms of coronavirus with or have a high temperature are kept at home.

It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

If staff test positive for COVID-19 they are advised to try to remain at home for 5 days starting the first day of symptoms or until they test negative or are well enough to return to work (whichever is the soonest). Staff absence will be covered by statutory sick pay.

Staff are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms.

Staff will need to comply with the usual rules around notification set out in our sickness policy.

Lavington Preschool will contact UKHSA HPT if there is:

- A higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or child absences due to acute respiratory infection.
- Evidence of severe disease due to respiratory infection, for example if a child or staff member is admitted to hospital.

Prioritising children in the case of staff shortages:

Should Lavington Preschool experience staff shortages due to high levels of staff sickness we will follow the Government's guidance for priority ranking when reducing our numbers to meet ratios:

1. Priority to children open to social care (CP, CiN and CLA)
2. Any child with an EHCP
3. Any child that you have safeguarding concerns about that you feel needs to be in a setting
4. Parents of critical workers (e.g. NHS, Teachers, Early Years Staff)
5. Children starting school in September and work back by age until all spaces are filled
6. Offer fewer hours to non-working parents so that more children can attend but for fewer hours

Closure:

Should the setting be forced to close, staff who are available to work but are unable due to the closure will be paid in full.

Lavington Preschool will inform: Ofsted, The Early Years Team, The Chairperson, Committee members, Parents and DAPS.

The Manager and Chairperson are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the policy.

Reviewing the Covid Policy: The Chairperson is responsible for overseeing the annual review.

The Lavington Pre-school Covid Policy will be reviewed on:

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