

Coronavirus COVID 19 Policy

Bierton Pre School aim to provide a safe environment for all children. This policy sets out our plans and guidance for parents, staff or visitors to ensure that Government Guidelines are followed to reduce the risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19.

All other policies remain relevant, some of the content may have changed in line with Government Guidelines. The manager and committee reserve the right to change any details within a policy to ensure Government Guidelines and Bierton Pre School Guidance is met.

If your child has health issues and you are concerned in relation to the risks around COVID-19 and attending pre school, please seek advice from your GP.

Government Guidelines change frequently; therefore, this policy is subject to change, it will be reviewed annually or if any Government updates/changes to regulation.

Parents are expected to follow Government Guidelines. Bierton pre school manager reserves the right to deny entry to a child if it is felt that their parents are not adhering to the guidelines and regulations and therefore could be putting others at risk.

Parents are expected to practise social distancing from staff and other parents at all times.

Details about drop off and collection are set out in Bierton Pre School COVID-19 Guidelines which are reviewed and updated in accordance with Government guidelines and sent to parents.

We consider it impossible and unrealistic to social distance from the young children we are looking after, therefore, if any children or other members of your household or anyone you have or your child has come into contact with have symptoms of COVID-19 please follow the isolation/Track & Trace guidelines.

If your child is not well, for whatever reason, please keep them at home.

Please check your child's temperature if necessary, if it is 37.8 or above please stay at home.

We will check children's temperatures if we feel it is necessary, if it is 37.8 or above you will be contacted to come and collect your child and follow the isolation/testing guidelines.

If a child falls ill during the session parents will be contacted immediately to come and collect their child. While we are waiting for the child to be collected, they will be cared for by a member of staff in our isolation room. This staff member will have access to full PPE if necessary and will stay with the child at all times.

This member of staff will bring the child to the parent on their arrival to pre school.

Please follow the Government Guidelines on isolation and testing before returning your child to pre school.

To reduce the risk of infection and transmission of Coronavirus: -

- The necessary risk assessments have been completed and will be reviewed on a regular basis. Updated cleaning check lists are in place and adhered to.
- All resources available to the children will be cleaned prior to use, during the session and after the session.
- Some of our normal resources such as play dough, indoor sand and water may not be available (this will be reviewed).
- Children will sanitise/wash hands on arrival at least half way through the session, after they have used the toilet and at the end of the session.

- Staff will also wash/sanitise their hands frequently.
- All staff will be responsible for cleaning, intimate care (nappy changing) and helping in the toilet during the session.
- Staff will have access to PPE for these tasks this may include a face mask if they wish.
- The staff will interact with the children as they normally would but being mindful of unnecessary very close contact. If a child needs a cuddle, they will get a cuddle!
- Parents are asked to practise social distancing at all times when dropping off and collecting children.
- Parents are not allowed access to the building at this time, staff will be on hand to welcome children and make sure they are collected by a parent at home time.

While we have done everything in our power to ensure the risks of catching or transmitting COVID-19 are minimised, we are unable to guarantee this will not happen.

It is important that this policy is read and understood and that everyone agrees to adhere to the guidelines. The measures in place are to protect the staff, children and their families as far as is possible.

It is also very important that parents inform Bierton Pre School Manager of any changes to their contact details or if their child is unable to attend their session and the reason why.

All Government guidance's are available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Bierton Pre School Risk Assessment is available on request.

Signed, all staff: