



## Symptomatic individuals in the setting – Procedure

### Prevention

We at Berriew pre-school have now re assessed our one setting policy and feel it is safe to open up to all and welcome all children back from June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

- For the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff we have created our berriew bubble and will not be using school premises.
- All staff should adhere to the social/physical distancing measures as far as possible to parents and other visitors to the setting.
- A record of visitors should be kept with a phone number recorded, as this may be needed to further assist the Welsh Government [Test,Trace,Protect strategy](#).
- Ensuring staff, learners and parents/carers fully understand that any staff member or learner who has possible symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend the setting but must remain at home and [self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school of this](#).
- Staff will be taking part in the twice weekly routine testing using the lateral flow test device/LFD, please see attached information on routine testing.
- Additionally, any family/household member of any member of staff or learner must not attend the setting but must remain at home and commence a period of household isolation, Again the setting must be notified of this.

### **If a child shows symptoms of COVID-19 while in a childcare setting**

#### **We will:**

- Contact the parent/carer immediately and ask that the child is collected and taken home. Provide guidance to the parents that they should seek a test for their child.
- **If your child is displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you will be required to remain away from the setting and isolate for a period of 10 days and until symptoms have fully resolved. PCR tests should only be accessed if directed by a doctor or if you (the parent) feel it is absolutely necessary.**
- Until the child is collected, we will move the child away from other children and care for them separately with appropriate adult supervision
- If it is not possible to isolate the child, we will move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other children. We will open a window/door for ventilation.
- Disposable gloves, apron and a fluid-resistant surgical mask will be worn if the child requires personal care or close contact.
- If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection will also be worn.



- If a child needs to go to the toilet while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate toilet if possible.
- The areas where the child suspected of having COVID-19 has been, including toilets, will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Gloves and aprons will be used when cleaning the areas where a child suspected of having COVID-19 has been.
- Staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with the child who is unwell and where possible should change into clean clothing.
- Should there be a delay in the parent collecting a symptomatic child, we will contact the local environmental health officer via your local council's website.
- We will inform the Powys Childcare Team if there is a suspected case – [covid19earlyyearscc@powys.gov.uk](mailto:covid19earlyyearscc@powys.gov.uk)

#### **If a staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 while in a childcare setting**

- They will leave the setting immediately.
- Provide guidance to the staff that they should seek a test.
- Additional staff will be called if necessary.
- The areas where the staff member suspected of having COVID-19 has been, including toilets, will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Gloves and aprons will be used when cleaning the areas where an individual suspected of having COVID-19 has been.
- Staff will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with the symptomatic individual who is unwell and where possible should change into clean clothing.
- We will inform the Powys Childcare Team if there is a suspected case – [covid19earlyyearscc@powys.gov.uk](mailto:covid19earlyyearscc@powys.gov.uk)
- The following guidance for decontamination will be followed.

#### **Decontamination following a symptomatic individual:**

- The staff member(s) who has helped someone who was taken unwell, do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell or taste) themselves.



- Normal cleaning of the setting will take place as set out in Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Childcare Settings.
- Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be undertaken of areas that a symptomatic individual has come into contact with.

*With the exception of public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time and are not visibly contaminated with body fluids.*

- All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Childcare Settings once the individual has moved from the area.
- These surfaces include:
  - objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids.
  - all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells
- The clothes of staff and children who have come into contact with a symptomatic child should be washed on a hot wash in accordance with the guidance on contaminated laundry in Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Childcare Settings.
- All parents will be notified of any incident where their child may have come into contact with a symptomatic individual, they will be provided with guidance on the hot washing of their child's clothes.
- Staff keep a change of clothes in the setting.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/guidance/accordians/docs/infection-prevention-and-control-guidance-2019-for-childcare-settings-0-5-years-in-wales-nurseries-childminding-and-playgroups/>

This **Symptomatic individuals in the setting** policy and procedure was passed for use in Berriew Pre-school .

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