

Hythe Bay Children's Centre

Hythe Bay Nursery COVID-19 Procedure for parents – Update for 19th July 2021

Dear parents

There are some rules we have in place to protect our staff, children and families from spreading or catching coronavirus. Please carefully read the rules below.

We will be adhering to government and NHS guidance for coronavirus and our managing children who are sick, infectious, or with allergies policy.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- High temperature. This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- New, continuous cough. This means coughing for a lot more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. This means even notice you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste differently to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you, your child or someone else in your household has symptoms which could indicate coronavirus, please call to let us know on 01303 267802 and keep away from nursery until either you have both isolated for sufficient time, following government and NHS guidance (usually 10 days), or you have a negative test result.

Please call to let us know if you, your child or someone else in your house has tested positive for coronavirus. You also need to keep your child at home if you or your child needs to isolate. This could be because you or your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus, you have been to somewhere with a local lockdown in place, or you have visited a country on the quarantine list.

It is recommended by the government that anyone that is unwell without coronavirus symptoms or with a negative test result, still should stay at home to limit the spread of other illnesses, to help reduce the burden on our health services.

Please teach your child to clean their hands effectively for 20 seconds so that they are able to do so with encouragement from the nursery staff team members at nursery. Please provide a designated nursery bag for your child containing spare clothes, a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle (warm clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies in autumn / winter). If your child wears a nappy or pull up, please ensure you provide nursery staff with enough supplies for the day ahead. Please label each item with your child's name or initials. Please make sure your child is wearing clean clothes (including a fresh nappy or pull up if applicable) on arrival to Nursery. Please put sun cream on your child at home or at the car park before entering the school entrance, if appropriate.

If you are able to drop your child off at nursery or collect them at quieter times please do so. When on the school or nursery premises you will need to limit the number, proximity and duration of social contact with other people. Only one adult can come to Nursery with your child. We expect and recommend parents and visitors to continue to wear a mask in the school and nursery building. Please expect a queue at busier times, and walk on the right side of the corridor. You and your child will need to wash your hands or use hand sanitiser at arrival to and departure from Nursery. If you would like a discussion with a member of staff please arrange this via phone call or email. Children

have responded well to being dropped off at the nursery door, so we will continue to limit parent access beyond the nursery door.

Your child will be part of the Hythe Bay Nursery bubble. Each 'room' (garden, farm, sea and safari) will have their own designated sinks and toilets to continue to limit the risk of contamination. The rooms will limit their shared access to outdoor space at the same time, and shared resources will be cleaned between different rooms. We will regularly clean the nursery surfaces and handles throughout the day, and professional cleaners will continue to clean the nursery each evening, ready for the next day. We also ensure that children wash their hands regularly, particularly before meals and after coughing and sneezing.

If your child displays one or more symptom of coronavirus you will be called to collect your child. Any child displaying a symptom of coronavirus will be taken to an isolated area, along with their belongings and any siblings. They will be cared for by a staff member, wearing PPE if necessary, until they are collected. They can be tested for the virus. The child and their household will need to isolate for 10 days, or until a negative test result is received.

Rapid lateral flow testing is available for free to anybody, but is particularly focused on those who are not fully vaccinated and those in education, such as school and nursery settings. We advise testing twice a week.

Our updated risk assessment will be available on our website. Please contact a member of the management and leadership team if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you and returning to more normality in September.

Best regards

Vicki Dumont

Nursery Manager