Covid -19 Nursery Policy

This Policy has been created as part of our risk assessment guidance to continue to do deliver care and prevent the spread of the corona virus (Covid-19)

As we re-open on the first of June, we have implemented a number of changes to help prevent the spread of the virus.

When implemented these controls will create a inherently safer system where the risk of transmission of infection is subsequently reduced. These include:

1. As young children do not understand how to social distance and will also seek close interaction with their peers and adults. We will as far as possible limit the children to small groups and these will be supported by a consistent team of staff.

2. To maintain a consistent team within each room we will be changing our opening hours to ensure that we can maintain this  consistency.

3. To ensure safety measures for distancing, we would ask that only one parent to drop off and pick up the children. We will also ask that no parent enters the setting (unless you have a pre arranged appointment which will be conducted safely.

4. On entering the premises both children and staff will wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds advised by the government guidance of safe working.

5. We will reduce the use of shared resources by limiting the amount of resources shared between home and nursery, this will include not but bringing in any soft toys and other items brought from home.

6. We will follow the COVID -19 cleaning of non healthcare setting guidance. Daily regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces, the use of soft toys and toys with intricate parts will be avoided during this time.

7. All staff are fully aware of Cygnet's new safety measures due to Covid-19.

8. The majority of staff working in the setting will not be required to wear PPE beyond what they normally need to wear for their work, however, staff may choose to wear a facial covering mask during these times.

9. We will supervise the children to ensure they wash their hands more often than usual. They should do so thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly.

10. If a child or member of staff becomes ill in the setting, with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of smell. They will be sent home and will be advised to follow the government’s current advice. They must stay at home for at least 7 days but all over household members who remain well must stay at home and do not leave the house for 14 days. This will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

11.  We will encourage the use of tissues and follow the ethos, catch it, bin it, kill it. Waste bus will be emptied throughout the day to eliminate any risk of contamination.

12. All rooms will be well ventilated to allow a supply of continued fresh air flow.

13. All high contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, chairs and hard surfaces will be cleaned during the day using detergent disinfectant.

14. Any laundry will be washed using the highest setting and dried completely.

This policy will be updated in line with the changing situation.

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