



St Peters Pre-School Policies and Procedures  
September 2021

## Coronavirus Policy

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children's education. The government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. Step 4 of the roadmap, marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

To minimise infection and to protect, the Government has advised all settings to Ensure good hygiene for everyone, to maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, to keep occupied spaces well ventilated and to Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### Covid-19 Guidance & Restrictions

- They should not come into the setting if they have [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If staff develop symptoms after coming into close contact with someone that has symptoms, they should get a test whether or not the person they were in contact with tests positive
- Staff in settings who are clinically extremely vulnerable are to follow the same guidance as everyone else. Children who are extremely vulnerable are advised to attend the setting unless under strict paediatric care.
- All staff & children will be asked to wash their hands on entering the preschool.
- Children will be supported in an age-appropriate way to understand the importance of good hygiene e.g., encouraging regular handwashing especially after sneezing and coughing.
- A regular cleaning schedule will take place on a daily & weekly basis, washing then sterilising.
- All waste containing bodily fluids will be disposed of in a hygienic and safe manner.
- Soft furnishings/resources will be laundered at a temperature of at least 40c.
- Malleable activities will be changed on a regular basis.
- PPE will be worn as usual for nappy changing, cleaning bodily fluids and first aid (*when appropriate*)



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- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case and any of the following apply:
  1. they are fully vaccinated.
  2. they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
  3. they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
  4. they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
  
- Any adult or child with suspected coronavirus, however mild will be sent home and advised to follow public health advice. Staff will use appropriate PPE if close contact is necessary with any child who is waiting to be picked up.
  
- Staff mental health and wellbeing will be supported on a 1:1 basis.
  
- face coverings are not required to be worn at pick-up or drop off, but public health advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas by visitors.

This policy was adopted by the chairman on behalf of the Pre-school on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school: ..... (Chairperson)

**This policy will be reviewed again by the beginning of January 2022. Every effort will be made to continuously review and monitor circumstances surrounding the coronavirus via daily management of the setting and government guidance.**