



Covid 19 Policy

At **Pink Elephants Nursery** we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. We follow the Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities guidance along with the governments daily advice.

- Shortness of breath
- High temperature
- New and continuous cough.

If a child displays any of these symptoms they are not allowed to enter the nursery for 7 days following the first signs.

Covid 19 can be easily passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with virus.

We follow the guidance below to help prevent the virus from moving around the nursery.

Our staff:

- All staff and children to wash hands immediately upon entering the nursery.
- Regular hand washing cycles for a minimum of 20 seconds for all staff and children.
- All surfaces to be washed down hourly including door handles.
- No visitors or parents to enter the building.
- All parents to queue at a 2m distance from each other when collecting and dropping off their child.
- No congregating of groups of parents on nursery site.
- Approaching the building please use the ramp, when leaving exit via the stairs.
- No buggies/ scooters or bikes to be left on site or in the building.
- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the day
- Remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Wash or clean all equipment used by babies and toddlers as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth



- Store dummies in individual hygienic dummy boxes labelled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children
- Store toothbrushes (where applicable) hygienically to prevent cross-contamination
- Immediately clean and sterilise (where necessary) any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is picked up by another child
- Provide labelled individual bedding for children that is not used by any other child and wash this at least once a week

In addition:

- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- Periodically each room in the nursery will be deep cleaned including carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid have been increased and are in abundance.

Signed on behalf of the nursery
<i>L.Proctor</i>