



Magdalene Preschool

Dealing with sickness while Covid-19 pandemic is in progress Policy

Procedures for children who are sick /unwell during preschool session

- If children appear unwell during the day – have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – the manager will call the parents and ask them to collect their child.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing, sponging their heads with cool water, but kept away from draughts.
- Temperature is taken using an infrared thermometer kept in the first aid box.
- In extreme cases of emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest hospital and the parent informed.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- **After diarrhoea and sickness, parents are asked to keep children home for 48 hours after last bout.**
- The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times. The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles.
- We will administer Calpol in a serious health situation.
- We expect asthma pack for individual children and inhaler with instructions for dosage, use, etc..

Protocol for responding to a suspected case of coronavirus at Magdalene preschool

- If a member of staff or child begins to display coronavirus symptoms while in the setting they will be sent home immediately and told to follow government guidelines on what to do if you or someone in your household develops symptoms.
- If a child is waiting to be collected, they should be separated from their group and isolated with one member of staff (usually the manager or deputy) if this is possible.
- A facemask should be worn if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained from a child who is symptomatic and awaiting collection and if contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn.
- If a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing or spitting, then eye protection should also be worn.
- Once the child or member of staff has left the setting, we will follow cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidelines to ensure the areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.
- All staff and children will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Please follow the link for more information <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their immediate group within their setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise settings on the most appropriate action to take.

In some cases a larger group may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings>

Please do not send your child to preschool if they are unwell – we will send them home.

Signed.....Date.....