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## HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR COVID-19 POLICY & PROCEDURE (Appendix A)

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### Specific Measures for Covid-19

#### **Covid-19 (Coronavirus)**

The Covid-19 (Coronavirus) infection has been declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organisation.

The health and wellbeing of children in our care, parents and our staff is our top priority and we are working hard to do whatever we can to protect ourselves from the possible spread of virus.

Covid-19 is likely to affect staffing levels and children's attendance and we may need to take additional measures to ensure that our premises are safe for use.

All Government updates and guidelines and those received from the NHS and Department of Education are being strictly followed by the preschool. In addition to our existing policies we have enforced strict measures to address the risk of Covid-19 and to ensure we provide safe environments for everyone. These will be updated as new Government guidelines are issued.

In order that we take the appropriate course of action when there are extraordinary situations such as the exponential spread of viruses or unknown illnesses the following extra measures are required to be taken:

- It is the preschool's policy to follow strict hygiene routines which include a thorough cleaning of all surfaces on a daily basis throughout the day.
- Staff will antibac all the toys and equipment daily. Soft toys will be kept to a minimum, washed and alternated frequently. It may be necessary to remove soft toys to reduce risk, this will depend on government guidance.
- Additional measures include that parents/carers will leave children at the entrance to preschool and will not be allowed into the rooms at the time of pickup/drop off as a precautionary measure, unless a pre-arranged meeting has been agreed. Parents will be encouraged to follow social distancing measure when queuing to enter preschool. To minimise risk preschool will be opened as soon as parents begin to gather at the gate, markings will be placed on the pavement.
- We are continuously encouraging and enforcing everyone to wash their hands frequently. In line with this all children, staff and visitors coming into the preschool will have to wash their hands as soon as they enter the premises. Professional visits will be restricted to one per session.
- All children, staff and visitors will be required to have their temperature taken when coming into the preschool and in line with the latest guidelines from the government if any child or staff member develops symptoms of Covid-19 such as a temperature or a new continuous cough they will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 7 days (exclusion period). If a family member is self-isolating due to symptoms of Covid-19 then the 14 day exclusion period will apply.

**Strict compliance of the government guidelines and the above measures are required to be followed at all times.**