



Covid Policy Autumn 2021 The Barn Nursery and Preschool

Covid-19 Policy September 2021

Class groups - 'bubbles':

A 'bubble' is defined as, blue group with 2 practitioners and red group with two practitioners in the main hall.

- The practitioner(s) assigned to the group will stay the same every day, unless they are cover staff-and will need a negative test before working with us.
- Children can attend more than one setting, however we do request that this is only done, when absolutely necessary and all government guidance is followed. We would be grateful if you could advise us of additional settings attended.
- The nursery will be the sole users of the premises ie: a Single use building.

Safe distancing - minimising transmission risk:

Whilst it is recognised that safe distancing, particularly amongst younger children, is almost impossible-it is well documented that transmission in early years is small. However, we take our Covid-19 Policy very seriously, and have implemented the following measures:

- Classroom layout - play stations will be spaced out.
- Opportunities for outdoor learning will be increased for the bubble.
- Children will be comforted and their needs will be met, even if this requires close contact.

Effective infection protection and control:

- Children and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly for 20 seconds, using soap and running water and dry them thoroughly or use hand sanitiser.
- Children will wash their hands upon arrival, before and after eating, before and after all play times and after sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose. Children will wash their hands at the end of the session, before they go home.
- Children will be reminded not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose.
- Cleaning materials will be located in each room and outside.

- Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted with ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ - bins will be placed in each classroom.
- All resources will be thoroughly cleaned before being available for use again.
- Frequently touched surfaces, toys, sinks, taps, will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Toilets will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each child’s use.
- Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.
- Weather allowing, windows will be opened in all classrooms to aid ventilation.
- Soft furnishings/toys/cushions will be removed from classrooms.
- Wearing a face covering or face mask in nurseries is not recommended and therefore staff and pupils are not required to wear face coverings. However, where close contact between a practitioner and child is necessary, (helping with toilet, comforting, accident etc.) and as and when a practitioner deems it necessary to do so, they will wear a mask and gloves.

Sickness:

- Any child or member of staff with coronavirus symptoms, must have a PCR test to make sure they are negative. If positive, they must isolate.
- If a child has a close family member who lives with them, that has a positive test, they can still come to nursery as per the government guidelines. It is strongly suggested, that the child takes a test to reduce transmission at nursery. If a child has a close family member with Covid, we ask for a negative test before the child returns to the setting.
- If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while they are in nursery, parents will be requested to collect their child as quickly as possible. The child will be isolated from others in a safe space and if contact is necessary, then disposable gloves, apron and a fluid resistant surgical face mask will be worn by the supervising adult.
- In the event of a suspected case, we reserve the right to refuse admittance until a negative test is obtained.
- Children who attend two settings will also need to adhere to the other settings policy.
- If another setting that children from our nursery attend, informs us of a suspected case, we reserve the right to inform all parents of our children attending, that they must receive a negative test before coming back to the setting.
- We remind you that all children attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario and inform us immediately of a positive result, so that we can act accordingly.

Communication:

Adults allowed into nursery will be limited (to help settle the new children) and will be expected to wash hands, and wear a mask. If you need to contact the nursery, please do so by phone 020 8876 6910 or email; manager@barnnursery.co.uk.

Dress and belongings:

We ask that children bring as little as possible into nursery, to minimise transmission between home and nursery if possible

Only 'comforters' if absolutely necessary are acceptable to bring to nursery at this time.

We ask that children wear suitable clothing for active learning, including suitable footwear.

Please minimise clothing brought into nursery. Please ensure your child wears a freshly laundered outfit each day they attend.

To help with the more regular hand washing, it is helpful for your child to wear short sleeves ie t-shirt.

Drop off/Pick up:

- only one parent/carer should accompany their child to nursery.
- parents/carers will be asked to respect the social distancing markers and not gather around the entrance.
- please do not leave buggies, scooters, bikes etc. at the nursery at this time.

We reserve the right to update, change and develop this policy as the weeks and months progress.

This policy was adopted by

The Barn Nursery

On

Updated 5th September

2021

Date to be reviewed

Ongoing

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director
or owner)
