

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic Risk Assessment

Activity:	Childcare during Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic		Setting:	footprints@hattonhill nursery	
Date Assessment Took Place:	24 th February 2022	Proposed Review Timeframe:	In line with government changes or sooner if required.	Signed:	SMercer

Hazard	Risk	Individuals at risk	Risk Rating	Control Measures What are we doing now?	Notes/Additional Control Measures	Residual Risk
Staffing & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff, children and families	Serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning & site staff	High	☐ Staff are strongly advised not to present at nursery if they are exhibiting any of the related symptoms of Covid-19 such as a new continual cough, or a temperature in excess of 37.8°C, or anosmia (loss of taste or smell) Staff are encouraged to self-isolate and book a PCR test. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts ☐ Staff are strongly advised not to present at nursery if they test positive on either a LFT or PCR test until they have completed the required isolation period. ☐ Staff are asked to declare if they are clinically extremely vulnerable. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/19-july-guidance-on-protecting-people-who-are-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-from-covid-19	Ear thermometer with disposable plastic cups Ensure staff daily registers are completed accurately. Ensure staff understand their duty of care to colleagues, children and families. Staff given time off to attend a vaccination appointment.	Medium

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				☐ Staff are <u>very strongly</u> encouraged to take up the full vaccination offer.		
Children & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff, children and families	Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning & site staff	High	☐ Families are strongly advised not to present their child at nursery if the child is exhibiting any of the related symptoms of Covid-19 such as a new continual cough, or a temperature in excess of 37.8°C, or anosmia (loss of taste or smell) Families are encouraged to self-isolate and book them a PCR test. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts ☐ Families are strongly recommended not to present their children at nursery if they test positive on either a LFT or PCR test until they have completed the required isolation period. ☐ Children already in attendance at the setting who exhibits any signs of a new continuous cough or a temperature in excess of 37.8 °C or anosmia will be assessed by staff and we recommend that parents or carers collect them immediately. Public Health advice to isolate and book a test will be given. On isolation and getting tested will be given https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested	In-ear thermometer – as above. Identify an isolation area for children and identify toilet arrangements. Ensure PPE is available to the staff member working directly with the child if the child presents unwell whilst in attendance at nursery and is awaiting going home.	Medium
Inadequate cleaning & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff,	Infection spread leading to serious	All building users including staff, children,	High	☐ Nursery rooms, public areas and toilets will be cleaned by the nursery cleaner each morning prior to staff and children's arrival using regular cleaning materials.	Carry out inventory check of cleaning and sanitary products and stock at regular intervals, restocking, as necessary.	Medium

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children and families	respiratory illness, death	catering, cleaning & site staff		☐ Common touch areas such as tables, chairs, door handles, door plates, light switches, taps and toilet flushes will be cleaned frequently throughout the day by nursery staff using regular cleaning materials. ☐ All bins will be lined, and the liner removed at the end of the day, sealed/knotted and placed in the outside bins in the centre carpark by nursery staff. ☐ Regularly check stocks of cleaning chemicals, liquid soap, paper towels, tissues, toilet roll, bin bags etc. and request additional supplies as necessary. ☐ Ensure disposable tissues are available in each room for both staff and children. ☐ Rooms should be well ventilated with windows and doors open, although children's safety should be considered first. ☐ Air quality monitors will be used in the nursery rooms and poor air quality will be reported to company management and appropriate action taken. <u>For cleaning after an individual with symptoms and suspected of Covid-19 has left the setting:</u> https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings ☐ All areas should be well ventilated. ☐ PPE (gloves and apron) must be worn. Wash hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds after PPE has been removed.		

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				☐ All cleaning materials are double bagged and disposed of in the outdoor bins. ☐ All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be cleaned and disinfected, including all potentially contaminated and frequently touched areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab rails in corridors and stairwells. ☐ Public areas (not including nursery rooms) where a symptomatic person has passed through and spent minimal time but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids, such as public spaces and corridors, can be cleaned thoroughly as normal. ☐ As an additional support a Deep Cleaning Company has been identified to ensure that if a breakout is detected they will attend at short notice to sanitise the whole building and contents.		
Inadequate hand washing & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff, children and families	Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning & site staff	High	☐ Staff and visitors will be asked to wash or sanitise their hands upon arrival. ☐ Children will be encouraged to wash/sanitise their hands upon arrival and before and eating/drinking and regularly throughout the day. ☐ Correct hand washing techniques will be demonstrated to the children. (See hand wash guidance). ☐ Alcohol based hand cleansers/gels (containing at least 60% alcohol) can be used if soap and water are not available but is not a substitute for hand washing.	Information posters are displayed around the setting as appropriate. Ensure all sinks have necessary stock of hand gel, paper towels and lined bins are close by. Restock, as necessary. Sanitise sinks daily fully after each session and key touch spots throughout the session.	Medium

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Inadequate personal protection & PPE & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff, children and families	Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning & site staff	High	☐ Generally, PPE is not required to be worn by staff indoors during a session where only children are present <u>other than</u> for staff members caring for children who display symptoms of Covid-19. However, if a situation arises where staff deem it necessary, they may wear a face shield/mask in which case this will be to the discretion of the individual staff member. ☐ To continue to minimise transmission and as part of our duty towards each other, our children and families, we will continue to advise the use of face coverings by staff and visitors in crowded areas and when children are arriving and departing from nursery as a recommended requirement. This is particularly important when mixing with different groups who do not ordinarily work together such as other building users, visitors etc. ☐ Transparent face coverings or visors can be worn to assist communication with someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression. The face shield should be wiped over with an antibacterial wipe before and after each use. Face visors should not replace fabric face coverings unless for the above reason ☐ When worn, and in order to minimise the risk to colleagues from used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), it is essential that it is removed in a safe manner. To begin with, remove the apron. If you have worn gloves, remove them next by turning them inside out in one single motion. ☐ Disposable items should be placed in the bin immediately.	Ensure adequate bins and tissues are made available. Ensure setting has a stock of all advised PPE including disposable gloves, aprons, face masks and eye shields. Restock, as appropriate. Ensure all staff and children know the procedures to follow. Signage as appropriate.	Medium

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				☐ Used tissues will be put in a bin immediately (as above – all waste bins to be lined)				
Visitors & spread of Covid-19 virus to staff, children and families	Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning & site staff and visitors	High	☐ To continue to minimise transmission and as part of our duty towards each other, our children and families, we will continue to discourage parents or carers entering into the nursery room unless by prior arrangement during quiet times. ☐ All visitors must be signed in and out of the setting and advised of our measures of control. ☐ Where a health or education professional needs to visit to assess a child in our care. We will endeavour to arrange this so that it can take place outdoors or a quiet times as far as is reasonably practical.		Ensure parents know drop off and pick up routines.		Low
Managing confirmed cases of Covid-19 virus amongst staff, children and families	Infection spread leading to serious respiratory illness, death	All building users including staff, children, catering, cleaning &	High	☐ If the threshold of positive cases is met: - - a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection - evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19 - a cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group the Outbreak Management Plan will be actioned.		See all steps in Outbreak Management Plan attached.		
Further Action Required					Date Action Completed	Date RA Reviewed	Significant Changes Y/N	Shared with Staff Date or N/A

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This risk assessment must be read and followed in conjunction with other applicable risk assessments for the setting. All current setting policies apply in relation to safeguarding and child protection, accident and illness, emergency evacuation and lockdown, EYFS.					November 21	Yes	Yes 09.11.21
					1 st December 2021	Yes	Yes 01.12.21
					January 22	No	
					February 22	Yes	Yes 28.02.22