



Covid-19 Procedures

Attendance

- All children attending Benger Bears Pre School need to free of any symptoms of Covid 19. Guidance from Public Health England and the NHS states that symptoms are a high temperature (of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above) and/or persistent cough. Please seek medical advice before coming to nursery if any of these symptoms are present. The government has confirmed that all staff and children at a childcare setting will have access to a coronavirus test if they display symptoms of the virus.

In the case of children, guidance states that: "To access testing parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over [and] will be able to call 111 if their child is aged under 5."

If either a child or member of staff tests positive, the rest of their 'group' at the setting "should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days". However, the guidance states that the household members of those in that group do not need to self-isolate unless the children or staff member who they live with develops symptoms themselves.

- If any member of your household is displaying symptoms then please refrain from sending your child to the setting.

Drop off

- Drop off will be at the main hall door, there are markers outside at 2m apart to show you were to stand, then leaving via the back door onto the patio and out of the gate..
- We are asking that all parents/carers wear protective face masks to drop off to minimise the risk of exposure to yourselves and our staff. Our staff will be wearing masks too (these will be removed once everyone is in the setting).
- Your child will be greeted by a member of staff, they will be taken to wash their hands before settling in the setting.
- Please can only one family member/ carer be present at drop off and pick up.

Pick up

- This will also be at the main door then leaving via the back door onto the patio and out of the gate. We do also ask that parents wear masks to pick up too.

In the setting

- The children will all be one group throughout the day. Given the setting and the age of the children we feel this is safest way given 2m distancing is impossible between each child.
- All windows and doors (within safeguarding requirements) will be kept open to allow good ventilation as advised the government guidelines.
- Where possible we will be conducting most of our activities outside, these will be out on the rec.
- Please can we ask that children bring their own snack and lunch as we will not be preparing food onsite. The children will, of course, be receiving their milk allowance. If you would rather your child does not receive this at this time then please let a member of staff know.
- We shall be following all Covid 19 cleaning guidelines.
- Children and staff will be regularly handwashing for at least 20 seconds throughout the day. Hand sanitiser will also be provided in the setting. Key times for hand washing will be:
 - after outside breaks
 - before meals and snack times
 - after using the toilet
 - when they arrive at our setting
 - at the end of the day before they go home
- clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using antibacterial spray.
- We shall be clearly encouraging the children to avoid touching their eyes, mouth or noses.
- Catch it, kill it, bin it will be in practice. We will ensure these bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day.
- Prompted toilet breaks will occur only in the children's allocated groups to enable 'safe distance' practice..
- We will be trying to reduce the use of shared materials – where possible.

Staff safety

- All staff will be equipped with masks, aprons and gloves. Shields will be available if a staff member is waiting with a poorly child (please read below).
- All staff members are required to stay at home if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus. They are also able to request being tested for coronavirus under the government scheme.

- Staff have the right to refuse entry to children they feel are not well enough to attend the setting.

What will be done if a child falls ill in the setting

The DfE states that: “If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home”, and advised to follow government guidance (i.e. to self-isolate for seven days, while all members of their household self-isolate for 14 days).

If it is a child who has fallen ill, the guidance states that they should be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door with appropriate adult supervision while awaiting collection. The guidance adds that: “Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation”. In our settings case this will be the meeting room.

The guidance also states that: “PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).”

If a member of staff has helped an unwell child, the guidance states that they should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds afterwards, but that they are not required to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or the child subsequently tests positive for coronavirus. If the member of staff does develop symptoms, they are able to access a free coronavirus test.

The guidance adds that: “Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.”

We are trying our best to ensure the safest environment for your children while they are with us. We are aware that we are all in unfamiliar waters and we hope that this offers some guidance on how Bengel Bears will look in the coming months.

If you have any concerns at all then please do not hesitate to contact us either by email at bengel.bears@yahoo.com or by phone on 07791 896 683.