**Kids Club**

**Covid-19 Policy**

Kids Club recognises the importance of advanced planning in order to maintain services and limit the spread of covid-19 within our setting. Scientific advice currently states that the risk of spreading Covid 19 whilst outside is minimal. We will therefore run as an outside setting throughout the summer months. We will make use of 2 giant gazebos and 1 inside toilet. We will have no more than 15 children and will encourage social distancing games. It is impossible to promise social distancing with children at all time, but we will encourage it at every possible opportunity.

Covid-19 is a viral infection, spread from person to person by close contact. Symptoms may include:

High temperature

A new continuous cough

Loss of taste or smell

Any child who becomes ill with symptoms which could be Covid-19 while at the Club will be isolated from the other children until the child can be collected by his or her parents/carers. The Club will remain open but parents and staff will be informed, especially those in high-risk groups.

Any children or staff who are experiencing symptoms of Covid 19 should stay away from the Club for at least 7 days and until all symptoms have passed and they feel well. A test should be sought through NHS 111.

**Infection control**

The covid-19 virus is spread by:

• Infected people passing the virus to others through droplets when coughing, sneezing, or even talking within a close distance (one metre or less).

• Direct contact with an infected person: for example, if you shake or hold their hand, and then touch your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands.

• Touching objects (eg door handles, light switches) that have previously been touched by an infected person, then touching your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands. The virus can survive longer on hard surfaces than on soft or absorbent surfaces.

We will limit the risk of catching or spreading the corona virus at the Club by:

* Instructing staff to remain at home if they display any relevant symptoms or sending them home if they first display symptoms while at work. A test should be sought through NHS 111.
* Regular handwashing for staff and children.
* Minimising contact between our hands and mouth/nose
* Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing; using a tissue when possible, and disposing of the tissue promptly and carefully (bag it and bin it)
* Children must bring their own water bottle, which we will refill if necessary.
* Disposable plates, bowls and cutlery will be used until further notice.
* Encouraging the children at the Club to follow the guidance above

At Kids Club we will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

• Display posters and information to promote infection control for staff and children.

• Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available within the Club

• Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically

• Clean hard surfaces (eg door handles) with sanitizer hourly

• Provide tissues and suitable facilities for their disposal.

**Closure**

There may be some occasions when we will have to consider temporarily closing the Club because we have too few unaffected staff to run sessions safely. If this occurs the manager will contact [local Early Years or Childcare Service] for further support and guidance.

The Club will also have to close if advised to do so by the local authority in the interest of safeguarding the children in our care.

In the event of closure, the manager will notify parents or carers as soon as possible. The manager will also inform the local childcare information service as well as other relevant parties, eg feeder schools, other users of shared premises, etc. The manager will also notify Ofsted of the closure.

**Advance planning**

In preparation for dealing with a pandemic disease, the Club will ensure that all contact details for staff, children and parents are up to date. We will endeavour to build a bank of relief or supply staff who are able to provide cover should staffing levels fall below the required legal minimums. Any relief staff will be DBS checked at the time of joining our team, so that they are legally able to work with children should the situation arise. The Club will regularly update its information regarding pandemic diseases, by checking the latest guidance from DfE and the local authority and will inform parents and staff of any changes to our emergency plans.

**Useful contacts**

Early Years or Childcare Service: 07795367337

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Health Protection Team (HPT): 01926 413751

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