

## **Little Stars Nursery – Covid policy**

We at little Stars Nursery are following these guidelines in respect of Covid 19 and ensuring that we keep everyone safe. We are constantly reviewing government guidelines, which as you will appreciate are ever changing. We also take guidance from the Early Years Alliance.

### **Actions we are taking:-**

Staff temperatures will be taken at the start of each day; staff sign a health declaration each term which will cover off any related Covid risks.

Taking your child's temperature in the car park before they enter nursery, if the machine goes red your child will unfortunately not be able to come in on that day;

Parents will not be allowed inside the hall entrance;

We open from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. so no child will be classed as late and enables us to stagger admissions throughout that period,

In the car park a one way in and out system will operate using barriers and ensuring social distancing is applied,

We will meet your child at the door and we will help them hang up their coats;

We will help them wash their hands before entering the main hall;

We are sterilising all toys after each days use (we will have a reduced number of toys out;

No dressing up clothes to avoid cross contamination;

If we have to change your child's nappy, we will wear a visor and mask, apron and gloves. This will take longer so only adopt this in the most extreme cases.

We will sterilise the changing mat and area each time.

Playdough is used per session and disposed of afterwards; sand and water will be outside only and cleaned daily;

Reading books will be sent out in their book bags this term and we are sterilising them when returned to us. We are also putting their daily work in them (you can decide to keep or dispose of it);

During singing sessions, story and snack time the children will be spread out;

Any new children will be given a name badge in the car park and please make certain that initially the parent dropping off the child will be picking them up. This will change once we know your family going forwards. A password is given to you for someone else you have designated to collect your child.

If children are extremely reluctant to enter via the main door on their own, you can take them to the locked gate to the left of the entrance and a staff member will be there. You will be able to come in and sit for a short while, in a designated outside area until your child settles. We realise this may impact those new parents and children who have not been able to meet with us and look around our setting. Parents will have their temperature taken and have to wash their hands.

### **Actions we would like you to take:-**

Please do not send your child to nursery if anyone related has a cough, cold, temperature or other symptoms associated with Covid 19,

Ensure you self-distance in the car park in line with government policy;

Allow us to take the children in separately and in an orderly manner;

If your child is in nappies, please make sure they are clean before we take them in, we will only be changing them if it is absolutely necessary;

They need to come in with clean clothes each time they come in.

Can you please empty your child's book bags daily, if you do not want your child to take their work home please do let us know;

If you can immediately notify us, if you are either self-isolating or undergoing a Covid test.

### **Actions that we will not be able to enforce;**

Ensuring that we cannot 100% avoid the children playing and being in contact with each other, Where we can we will ensure distancing as mentioned previously.

### **Staffing;**

We have experienced a number of occasions when a staff member(s) has (have) had to self isolate because their children have been sent home from their schools due to a Covid spread. At times it could also be due to a family member having to self-isolate. This has at times affected our numbers which Ofsted have recognised in settings and are constantly updating ratios of staff to children on a regular basis.

As a result, reduced staff numbers have had an impact on some of our activities although we try to reduce these as much as is possible.

We will always strive to remain open at all times but must adhere to public health, Government and local authority guidelines as well as ensuring we do not compromise staffing ratios.

In the event that such a situation occurs we will give as much notice as is possible to parents advising them of our need to close and for how long. This would only occur as the very last resort as safety comes first.