



Coronavirus Policy

Policy Statement

At Bream Early Learners we believe that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers.

Procedures

During the Coronavirus pandemic, all staff, children and parents/carers will need to adhere to the following procedures:

Entry/exit

- Our gate will be open 10 minutes either side of 9am and 3pm for parents to bring and collect their children.
- We will take your child at the door and take their temperature with a 'no touch' head thermometer to check their temperature before entry. If your child's temperature is above 37.8C you will be asked to take your child home to isolate for 14 days.
- Your child will not be allowed entry if they have a new persistent cough so please do not bring them into Early Learners as they will need to isolate for 14 days at home. If anyone in the household has a temperature or cough, the whole household needs to isolate for 14 days.
- If a child becomes ill during the session, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to collect.
- IF YOU HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW.
- We will take the children in to change shoes, etc. We will have the children ready for collection at 2.50pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TOYS ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE SETTING. The child needs to bring their lunch box (if required), a coat, a bag with spare clothes to leave on their peg and slippers to change into when inside. If your child has a comforter, we will encourage them to put it in their bag when they no longer need it.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will wash their hands upon entry and will be reminded to wash them regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds whilst singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". Paper hand towels will continue to be used for the time being.

Children will be reminded to cough or sneeze into their elbow.

Cleaning

Soft furnishings and soft toys have been removed from the setting. Resources have been reduced to minimise spread and reduce the amount of items to clean each day.

The building is thoroughly cleaned at the end of every day to include items such as door handles, light switches, keys, phones, ipads, etc.

Social Distancing/Small Groups

The Government realises that early years children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff, but it is still important to reduce contact between people as much as possible. During adult led times ie snack, lunch, circle time, story time, staff will ensure the

children sit apart. During freeplay this can be much harder to control when children are playing together with the same activity. If you are not happy that your child may be playing alongside another child, please keep them at home.

The children will be split into two groups as we are now in our new building. Children starting school next September (preschool group) will be in the classroom on the right hand side and the younger children (Rising 2's) will be in the classroom to the left on entering the main front door. The children and staff will remain in their rooms for the entire day. The two rooms will not be mixed.

Each room will take turns to use our outdoor space. Each room will have their own set of resources to play with.

Risk Assessment

Please see the attached risk assessment.

Please be aware that we are opening due to Government guidance and it is your decision whether you send your child into Early Learners. We will do our utmost to keep your child safe but, due to the current circumstances, there is always a potential risk of infection.

PPE

The Government guidance states that wearing a face mask in schools or other educational settings is not recommended. This is probably a positive message as children will not be unduly scared by the wearing of masks. However, it is up to personal preference if parents wish to send their child in wearing a mask. Gloves and aprons will continue to be used when changing a nappy or supporting a child with toileting.

Parents/Visitors

For the time being parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter the building. Parents will leave their children at the main front door.

However, we are aware that as many children have not attended for over 5 months, some are new to us and we have an entirely new environment with the new building, we have to consider the child's wellbeing. Therefore, when you bring your child to the door, if they are extremely upset and cannot be distracted or settled by a staff member, we will permit one parent of that child to enter the building with a mask and, using the hand gel, for a maximum of 15 minutes to help settle their child in.

Please be aware that our policy states that if any child is upset when in our care and we cannot distract or settle, we will always contact their parents.

Clubs

We will be re-opening our breakfast and after school clubs in September 2020.

Parents will be asked to leave their children at the door on entry in the morning, temperature check will be done and straight to wash hands.

Parents are to collect their child from after school club before 5.15pm.

We will be following our daily policies and guidelines for Covid ie lots of hand washing, outdoor play where possible, limited resources and a strict cleaning regime to ensure everyone that uses our building is kept safe.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Bream Early Learners

Held on

26 August 2020 (date)

Date to be reviewed

In line with Government (date)
guidelines

Signed on behalf of the management
committee

Name of signatory

Bridget Wilks

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Chairperson