

Over the Rainbow Risk Assessment (Preschool)

Epidemic & Pandemic Diseases COVID19 Operational Return

THIS RISK ASSESSMENT IS TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND & NHS GUIDANCE AND ADVICE.

Area of risk	Possible Hazards	Who?	Controls	Risks which are not adequately controlled. What action would you take where possible to reduce the risk
Premises	Spread of COVID19 & other diseases	Parents, children & Staff	<p>Where premises have been temporarily closed during the lockdown period or where they may need to temporarily close during future lockdowns, appropriate Health & Safety checks should be conducted prior to reopening, including legionnaires checks. During the third lockdown (beginning January 2021), Over the Rainbow has remained open for all Preschool children, not just key worker and vulnerable children. We have no restrictions on which children can come to the setting.</p> <p>Keep windows open where possible to ensure good ventilation. During the colder months, we will balance the need for ventilation with the child's well-being and enjoyment at Over the Rainbow. When temperatures dramatically drop, we will keep the door to the outside garden closed and windows will remain open to ensure some air flow within the room. Children are asked to come dressed appropriately for the temperature and weather.</p>	

<p>Hygiene</p> <p>Hand washing, cleaning, waste disposal, laundry etc.</p>	<p>Spread of COVID19 & other diseases</p>	<p>Children & Staff</p>	<p>All children and staff must wash their hands upon arrival at the setting.</p> <p>Children and staff members should be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the session.</p> <p>An enhanced cleaning schedule must be implemented, that includes furniture, surfaces, and children's toys and equipment. This is recorded daily on a cleaning chart signed and dated by the staff member</p> <p>Communal area, touch points, such as door handles, light switches and hand washing facilities must be cleaned and sanitised regularly.</p> <p>All waste must be disposed of in a hygienic and safe manner. Tissues must be immediately disposed of.</p> <p>All items within the setting requiring laundering must be washed on a high setting.</p> <p>Flannels can be used once a day at lunch time. Flannels will not be shared and will be washed at a high temperature after each use.</p> <p>Children should be supported in age appropriate ways to understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe including regular hand washing and sneezing into a tissue.</p>	
<p>Health & Safety & Risk Assessments</p>	<p>Spread of COVID19, infections, diseases, accidents etc.</p>	<p>Staff & children</p>	<p>All activities should be risk assessed and due consideration given to any adaptations to usual practice.</p> <p>We are gradually introducing more soft furnishings that staff members view as furthering the children's learning, development and enjoyment at Preschool. We are re-introducing water play, playdough and sensory</p>	

			<p>exploration. As we are one preschool bubble, these resources are changed after every session. If sharing of any equipment is required for Mini Masterchef, the children will be asked to wash their hands before and after use.</p>	
PPE	Spread of infection	Staff, children & parents	<p>Government guidance is that PPE is not required for general use in early years/childcare settings to protect against COVID- 19 transmission. From Monday 17th May when we enter Stage 3 of the roadmap, staff are no longer required to wear face covering inside the settings, when social distancing between adults is possible. Parents/carers are also no longer required to wear face coverings outside at pick up and drop off times. Parents/carers will be asked to try and maintain social distancing outside with those outside of their household/bubble.</p> <p>Parents coming in to the setting for a meeting may be asked to wear a face covering when indoors.</p> <p>Staff members must follow the PPE guidelines, including the use of face covering, if a child develops symptoms whilst in the setting.</p> <p>Where staff request PPE, they must adhere to the guidance on safe use and removal of masks.</p> <p>PPE should continue to be worn as normal for toileting changing and the administration of first aid.</p> <p>Staff members are having twice weekly symptom free Lateral Flow Covid tests (Home testing kits). Any positive cases will be reported to parents and Dunnington Primary School and all appropriate procedures will be followed to inform test and trace,</p>	<p>W.H.O adapted guidance on the when and how to use masks.</p> <p>Further information and guidance can be found at www.who.it</p>

			<p>PHE and Ofsted. If a Lateral Flow test comes back positive, then a confirmatory PCR test must be booked. If the PCR test comes back negative, and the test had been taken within two days of the positive Lateral Flow test, the negative result overrides the positive lateral flow result, and the staff member can return to work and any contacts can stop isolating.</p>	
Supplies	Spread of infection	Staff & children	<p>The manager & staff should ensure an adequate supply of essential supplies and contingency plans are in place to minimise the impact of any shortages of supplies. The setting will not be able to operate safely without essential supplies required for ensuring infection control.</p> <p>A monitoring system for the usage of PPE is essential to ensure that a supply of stock is available to all who require it as and when required to meet the operational needs of the setting.</p> <p>When stocks are low, other options may be considered, such as the use of washable items. These items will be washed at a high temperature and separate to any other washing.</p> <p>In the case the supply of food is interrupted, procedures must be implemented to ensure the appropriate food alternatives are sourced, and normal food safety and hygiene processes are followed.</p>	
Attendance	Spread of COVID19	Parents	<p>Only parents who are symptom free and or have completed the required isolation periods will be able to drop off or collect their child.</p> <p>Parents should be encouraged to ensure they do not leave travel accessories including buggies, car seats, scooters at the setting premises. If these are brought to the setting, they should be stored in the</p>	<p>Parents should receive clear communication regarding the role they play in the safe operating procedure and all measures being taken to ensure the safety of their</p>

			<p>designated bike racks at the bottom of the path and not causing any obstruction.</p> <p>Aim to limit drop off and pick up to 1 parent per family.</p> <p>When parents are waiting to drop off or collect their child, social distancing should be maintained where possible in a safe area. We recognise that it is not always possible to queue 2 meters apart down the path, but social distancing should be maintained as much as possible during drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>Consider allowing parents to enter the setting for the purpose of settling in sessions if not doing so would cause a child distress. The staff should consider measures to minimise contact between the parent and other children and staff members. All show rounds to be conducted out of hours and with Manager and visiting adults to be wearing face coverings when indoors, and maintaining social distancing at all times.</p>	children, staff, and themselves.
Attendance	Spread of COVID19	Staff	<p>Staff should only attend the setting if they are symptom free, have completed the required isolation period or achieved a negative test result.</p> <p>Wherever possible staff should travel to the setting alone, using their own transport.</p> <p>If public transport is necessary, current guidance on the use of public transport must be followed.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to limiting the number of staff in the setting at any one time to only those required to care for the expected occupancy levels on any given day.</p>	

			All staff members must receive appropriate instruction and training in infection control, use of PPE, the standard operating procedure and risk assessments within which they will be operating.	Relevant training links e.g. Noodle Now, NDNA, Prevent COVID 19 etc.
Attendance	Spread of COVID19	Children	Only children who are symptom free or have completed the required isolation period should attend the setting.	
Attendance	Spread of COVID19	Visitors	<p>Attendance to the setting can be permitted for Visitors providing extra/ additional activities within the setting can resume as long they have the appropriate risk assessments in line with Covid 19 and social distancing is maintained between staff and children. New parents visiting the setting with their child is permitted if social distancing is also followed.</p> <p>Visitors essential to the maintenance of the building will be permitted. Social distancing is to be observed.</p> <p>During the third Lockdown period, beginning in January 2021, we will not be permitting providers of additional activities (ScienTots, DiddiDance and LingoTots) into the setting. Parents are also asked not to enter the building, unless confidential conversations are needed with parents/carers. In this instance, staff members and parents will wear face coverings and maintain social distancing. Children would all be taken outside and a table in the room set up for the meeting.</p> <p>Staff members and families must not come to the setting if they have been abroad and are legally required to quarantine following the latest government travel guidance.</p>	Where essential visits are required these should be made outside of the usual operational hours where possible.

Social Distancing/Group work	Spread of COVID19	Staff	<p>Social distancing must be maintained during breaks where possible. This may be achieved through a range of strategies including the staggering of breaks and subdivision of spaces allocated to team breaks where possible. The office space will be ventilated with either the door or window being open at all times when more than one person is inside.</p> <p>Staff members should avoid physical contact with each other including handshakes, hugs etc.</p> <p>Where possible, meetings and training sessions should be conducted through virtual conferencing. If face to face meetings are essential, social distancing will be observed and the room will be well ventilated.</p>	Emergency revisions to the EYFS have been implemented which provides some flexibility on ratios and qualifications to support this where possible.
Social Distancing/Group work		Children	<p>Routines including provision of meals and toileting should be within the space allocated wherever possible. We are currently not providing a cooked lunch. Packed lunches are provided by parents/carers each day. Over the Rainbow will still provide a morning and afternoon snack.</p> <p>Children should not serve themselves.</p>	
Resources		Children & Staff	<p>Children should not be permitted to bring items from home into the setting unless essential to their wellbeing. Where this is the case items should be appropriately cleaned upon arrival.</p> <p>All resources required for play and learning experiences of children should be regularly washed and/or sterilised.</p>	

			<p>Activities which may spread infection such play dough; salt dough and gloop are now being used. These resources are being disposed of after each session as they are all being used by the same group of children. Activities such as baking can take place as long as children wash their hands before and after the activity.</p> <p>Equipment used by staff such as stationary, tablets etc. should be allocated to individual staff members where possible and cleaned regularly.</p>	
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Wellbeing		Staff & children	<p>Staff need to ensure they are aware of children's attachments and their need for emotional support.</p> <p>Children should be supported to understand age appropriately the changes and challenges they may be encountering because of Covid-19.</p> <p>Staff members should also feel supported in their own well-being and are encouraged to speak to Manager if they need any support</p> <p>Links to mental health resources for staff, children and parents can be found here: https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/ </p>	Stories/picture books are available free to download.
Suspected Case of COVID19	Spread of COVID19	All	<p>In the event of a child developing suspected coronavirus symptoms whilst attending the setting, they should be collected as soon as possible and isolate at home in line with the NHS guidance (the day the symptoms started plus 10 full days).</p>	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-

		<p>Whilst waiting for the child to be collected they should be isolated from others in a previously identified room or area if possible</p> <p>Where possible, a window should be opened for ventilation.</p> <p>The staff member responsible for the child during this time should be a staff member from their room/area. The manager may consider suitable PPE for this staff member.</p> <p>If possible, the area should not be used for 72 hours after the child has been collected.</p> <p>The area should be thoroughly cleaned, immediately if the area cannot be left unvisited, and if the area can be left unvisited then cleaned after 72 hours.</p> <p>The person responsible for cleaning the area should wear appropriate PPE.</p> <p>In the event of a staff member developing suspected coronavirus symptoms whilst working at the nursery or they have had contact with a suspected case at nursery, they should return home immediately and isolate at home in line with NHS guidance. The staff member should undergo testing and self-isolate for 10 days if they receive a positive test.</p> <p>The appropriate reporting procedures to the relevant bodies must be followed.</p>	<p>childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe</p> <p>Staff are entitled to tests through an online portal.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronaviruses-covid-19-getting-tested#arrange-a-test-if-youre-an-</p>
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National Restrictions	Spread of COVID 19	<p>Staff</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Parents</p>	<p>From Monday 17th May 2021, England is entering Stage 3 of the Roadmap, which brings some lifting of national restrictions. This Risk Assessment as been updated using the latest guidance for Early Years settings.</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/984864/Actions_for_early_years_and_childcare_providers_during_the_COVID-19_pandemic.pdf</p> <p>Over The Rainbow will continue to follow the procedures outlined in our Risk Assessments and Operational Plans. Parents/carers to be updated if any new information relating to the care of their children is released.</p>	Keep up to date with any new guidance regarding our opening procedures

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