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## **COVID-19 Policy & Procedure/Contingency Plan**

# **Aim of Policy**

This policy defines and assists the operating arrangements at Barking Pre-school in compliance with Government Guidelines and leading authorities; for example, Public Health England (PHE) and World Health Organisation (WHO) in relation to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. This information builds upon our current Safeguarding, Child Protection, Health and Safety and Equality and Diversity Policies and is subject to change as we learn more about the virus.

At Barking Pre-school we ensure to offer a continuum of very high standards of practice of childcare and development. The fundamental principles in this policy are set out to promote social distancing and to implement high levels of personal hygiene and cleanliness.

# A child displaying symptoms of Covid 19

Children with severe symptoms should stay at home and return to the setting when they feel well enough. We advise children are tested.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. We advise children are tested.

#### If a child tests positive for Covid 19

Although the legal requirement to isolate has ended, children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 3 full days after they took the test.

After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can return to the setting.

## If a member of staff tests positive for Covid 19

Although the legal requirement to isolate has ended, adults who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days after they took the test.

After 5 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature they can return to work.



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To prevent the spread of Covid 19 staff will continue to clean resources and equipment thoroughly with anti-bacterial cleaning products. Children are encouraged to wash their hands on a regular basis using anti-bacterial soap and hand gel.

We encourage children to leave all items from home in their bags in the Annexe wherever possible.