



This policy for Huntington Under 5s Preschool was most recently amended/updated in November 2021 by the Management Team.

As Cheshire West is still higher than the national average in confirmed Covid cases we continue to proceed with caution and have our contingency plan in place should stricter restrictions be brought back. With winter upon us and the usual viruses that are associated with this season we ask our families to continue to follow our guidance. We politely request you not to send your child if they are unwell to stop cross infection and keep our adults and other families as safe as possible. On a positive, we are nearer to normal operation than we have been since June 2019 and hope this continues.

Huntington Under 5's Covid-19 Policy and Procedures Document November 2021

Our policies will stay in place as before. The following are additions to our policies and procedures that are specific to Covid-19 and will stay in place until the pandemic is over. Due to ongoing advice and changes from the government this specific policy will be updated when needed in line with new guidance.

Sharing of information and Guidelines:

- Will be done through emails. If there is an urgent message we will alert you through a text to prompt you to read the email.
- Ensure all your contact details are up to date, i.e. email addresses and home, work and mobile numbers so we can reach you at all times whilst your child is in our care.
- If your child is absent due to them having a confirmed positive case of Covid19 please inform the setting immediately.

If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 or illness at Preschool:

- If a child develops any of the 3 symptoms for Covid 19 (**a high temperature, new continuous cough or loss or change in, normal sense of taste or smell**) you will be contacted immediately and asked to collect them as soon as possible.
- You will be advised to get your child tested via NHS UK or NHS 119 via telephone.
- Your child will be kept in the back office until collected. An adult will stay and attend to them until collection.
- PPE (mask, apron, gloves) will be worn by the attending adult. Window opened.
- Once collected the back office will be cleaned.
- If the child needs to use the bathroom, they will be taken into the smaller bathroom which will then be cleaned after use.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 follow the latest government guidance on isolation(**currently 10 days after onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic 10 days after confirmed case**). Please contact preschool to inform them of the result.
- Any area or resources used or touched by the ill child will be immediately cleaned.

- If a child displays signs of any other illness whilst at the setting you will be contacted to come and collect your child and they will be kept in the back office until collected. An adult will stay and attend to them until collected.
- Sickness and diarrhoea your child **should not attend** preschool till **48hrs after their last episode**.
- Do not send your child to Preschool if they are unwell.

Other measures:

- A Covid-19 specific risk assessment of the setting is in place and is a working document.
- An outbreak management plan is in place.
- Windows will be open as far as possible in the setting to provide appropriate ventilation.
- Children will have constant access to outdoor provision when possible.
- Hand sanitizers are available and will be placed throughout the setting to be used.
- Lidded, pedal bins are in use.
- Good hygiene practices are in place.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes continue to be carried out daily.
- Public health and advice on testing and managing confirmed cases is followed.
- Government and local authority advice is followed in our practice.
- Staff participate in twice weekly LFD tests.
- All staff have successfully completed Infection Prevention and control training.

Reducing contact:

- We continue to request children are dropped off and picked up at the entrance of the setting.
- We continue to encourage you to leave the Preschool as promptly as possible after drop off and pick up.

Educating children on good hygiene practice.

- Frequent hand washing with soap and sanitizing.
- Promote good coughing and sneezing etiquette. Children will be encouraged to cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or sleeve. After using tissues they will be put straight in the bin and the children will wash or sanitize their hands.
- Some of our children need support with this and will receive it.
- Children will be encouraged **not to** put objects in their mouths.
- Children will be encouraged **not to** share food, water bottles and eating utensils.

Our main aim at Preschool is to make the children feel safe and confident and support them with their emotional well-being. We want them to be happy and have fun as safely as possible around other peers and adults, this continues to be our priority.