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Willaston Pre-school

Protective measures we are taking

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest [government guidance](#), to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This will allow us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within the pre-school.

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Asking parents/carers to ensure fresh clean clothes are put on before their child leaves for pre-school, ensuring hands are washed appropriately. Staff will also follow this rule, and so you may see staff out of uniform to facilitate their access to clean clothing.
- Asking children not to bring toys or other items from home, unless this is essential to their health and wellbeing. We will not be using book bags or sending books home to share.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children, and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household. There will be staggered start and exit times, using the back gate with no queue. Our staff facilitator will welcome your child, make sure they wash their hands outside using our portable sink and the accompanying adult will leave i.e. no parents/carers will enter the premises. Key messages to you will be communicated via the facilitator, online or by phone where necessary.
- No visitors will be allowed within the premises – only staff and children will be inside.
- All toys which are played with by each group will be put in a water tray (one to be available in each area) ready for disinfecting. New toys will be put out before another group uses the area. We will be using the outside almost exclusively (split into 3 discrete areas - wildlife garden, main area, and tarmac area outside the building for cars and bikes), with the back room available for certain activities. The hall carpet has been covered with a washable plastic cover.
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment. The premises have had a deep clean throughout and all toys and equipment have also been cleaned.

What can parents and carers do to help?

There are a number of things parents and carers must do to help us make these arrangements effective:

1. It is imperative that you **do not bring** your child to pre-school where any of the following apply:
 - They are clinically extremely vulnerable
 - A family member they live with is clinically extremely vulnerable
 - They are presenting symptoms of COVID 19
 - A member of their household is presenting symptoms of COVID 19

- They have been in contact with someone in the last 14 days who has tested COVID 19 positive.

Clear **guidance on symptoms** and what to do if you are at all worried can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

2. **Dress** your child in clean clothes just before leaving for pre-school. Please ensure your child has all-weather clothing available. On return home from pre-school, please change your child into clean clothes.
3. **Arrive** at pre-school for drop-off and pick-up at your allotted times. If the child before you is still going in/coming out, please keep a safe distance away until the other parent/carer has left.
4. **Inform us** if your child will **not be attending** on their allotted day (ringing 01270 567431, or texting 07944 208909).
5. **Avoid** bringing soft toys or other stuff from home.
6. Ensure we have your up-to-date **contact details** in the event we need to contact you in order to pick up your child who displays any illness symptoms at all. Such children will be cared for separately by a staff member until a parent/carer arrives..
7. Help **reassure** your child when returning to pre-school, as this will be a change in routine from what they have been used to in the last few weeks.

Testing

All children now have access to a test if they are displaying symptoms. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting. In the event that they, or any member of their household, develop coronavirus symptoms, we ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about [getting tested](#).