



Child General Sickness and Covid Policy

Horringer Preschool has a responsibility to:

- safeguard the children in its care – local agencies, services and settings should work together to actively look for signs of harm given the greater risk of harm that some children may have been exposed to through COVID-19
- support children's learning, development and wellbeing – continue to follow the early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework
- support vulnerable children

COVID 19

- Parents and Carers are advised to adopt safe behaviours to reduce the risk of infection and consider that other families may have vulnerable members.
- Masks can be worn outside at busy times; they are not compulsory.
- Children or adults showing signs and symptoms of COVID 19 should follow the government advice and test using a Lateral Flow or PCR test and should notify preschool.
- If a child is negative and they feel well enough they can attend preschool, if they test positive they are advised to stay at home away from others for at least 5 days from the date of testing and follow the government guidelines [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts)
- If a child has been in close contact with a positive COVID 19 case then preschool should be notified and the child is advised to stay at home away from others to reduce the risk of infection in the setting, this is not a requirement.
- If the rate of infection rises within the preschool, then preschool will liaise with Public Health England to introduce any added safety measures.



GENERAL ILLNESS

- The manager or deputy manager reserve the right not to accept any child who is unwell into the preschool. It is unfair on the child to be in the setting when they need to be with their parent/carers or having one to one attention. There is also the risk of infection to the rest of the children who are in setting.
- Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have an infection/illness.
- Preschool should be informed as to the nature of the infection/illness so other parents can be alerted.
- In the case of communicable diseases, the Pre-school will contact the authorities and all parents.
- Guidance on Infection control in Schools and Nurseries is in the kitchen for all staff to refer to.
- Parents are asked to keep their children at home for 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Parents are directed to the NHS Direct website for information on illnesses [The NHS website - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Children suffering from Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye) can attend preschool 48 hours after using cream/drops if the symptoms have eased.
- Parents are advised not to give their child over the counter medicines such as Calpol before arriving at preschool because it will mask symptoms of illness.

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Date: 17.03.22

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