



Procedure if a child or adult shows symptoms of Coronavirus

Minimise contact with the unwell. Any staff or students who show symptoms of COVID (temperature, cough, difficulty breathing, lack of normal sense of smell and taste) should self isolate for 7 days. If anyone in their household displays symptoms they should not attend preschool for 14 days.

Be aware that there can be a different presentation of Coronavirus infection in children, a Kawasaki like disease. Symptoms include fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, eye infection without pus and swollen extremities. If any of these symptoms are displayed by children the same restrictions will apply.

If a child develops symptoms of the virus during a session

The child should be moved away from the rest of the children (in the kitchen) until they can be collected. They should be supervised by one adult who should wear a facemask and goggles or face shield if the child is coughing. If the child is critically ill we should phone for an ambulance and inform their next of kin. If they need to use the bathroom while they are waiting they should use the boys toilet, which should be kept free just for this instance and cleaned thoroughly afterwards assuming it is now contaminated.

In this instance we would contact the public health and follow their guidance on the correct course of action.

If an adult develops symptoms of Coronavirus during a session

They should go straight home, unless they are critically ill in which case an ambulance should be called and their next of kin informed. They should request a test for Coronavirus. If negative they can return to work. If positive all children and staff in the cohort should self isolate for 14 days. If they subsequently develop symptoms then the guidance for other members of their household should apply (i.e. 14 days self isolation).

In this instance we would contact the public health and follow their guidance on the correct course of action.

If an area becomes contaminated with bodily fluids from an adult or child displaying symptoms of the virus

Staff cleaning the area or equipment should wear gloves, an apron, goggles or facemask and a protective facemask (such as those worn by healthcare workers). Firstly the area should be cleaned with hot soapy water then the area should be cleaned with 1000ppm bleach; any items which cannot be effectively cleaned should be disposed of. Staff should use disposable mop heads to clean floors and disposable cloths to clean surfaces or equipment. A suitable contact time is necessary to eliminate the viral load from surfaces. Any used cloths, gloves etc should be placed in a plastic bag then tied and placed in a second bag and tied. This rubbish should be stored safely for 72 hours before placing in the outside dustbins for collection, or until a test result is available from the

patient. If negative the rubbish may be disposed of, if positive follow guidance given by the Health Protection Agency. Staff should wash their hands after removing PPE.

Appropriate PPE must be sourced for use and the protocol for dealing with spillages reviewed regularly. Staff will need training to deal with potential biohazards.

This policy has been adopted by Tandridge Village Pre-School Committee.

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School:

Date:

This policy will be reviewed: Autumn 2025

(Unless there is a change in legislation or with direct guidance from an educational body)

Staff Signatures:

Date:

