



## **COVID-19 SAFE PROCEDURES**

It is extremely important that everyone adheres with the latest government guidelines. We have created COVID-19 Safe procedures founded from The Department of Education (DFE) and Public Health England specifically for the Early Years.

Every day we will change our way of practice to make certain that we maintain to offer the staff and children a safe and healthier environment. At our setting, our duty is to reduce the risk of transmission, social distance where possible and remain high standards of hygiene practices.

If any symptoms are displayed in staff or children, parents/carers and all those attending the setting **MUST** be alert and self-isolate for 10 days for the safety of everyone.

According to Public Health England, COVID-19 appears to affect young children with less of an impact. Please click the link below for more information

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus>

We are a brand-new childcare setting that is COVID-19 Safe, and we have put in place social distancing and hygiene safety measures for everyone. Both staff and parents/carers need to comply with the government guidelines. While your child is in our care, we are providing childcare for other families also. We understand that this current situation increases anxiety levels but as a new childcare setting rest assured, we acknowledge it is okay to feel this way as COVID-19 has a big impact on everyone.

We empathise with your worries and will make sure that your child is safe and taken care of. We will communicate with you with updates and changes in our setting every day. We will have a platform where you will receive correspondence via newsletters, emails or whatever is your preference to reassure you that your child is okay and well whilst enjoying their play.

With this, we will be working in partnership with you (parents/carers) and trust that everyone understands and follows the COVID-19 Safe Procedures. Any updates in the government guidelines we will update our COVID-19 Safe Procedures accordingly. When your child arrives to the setting, we will be doing everything possible to reduce the risk of transmission of the Coronavirus.

To avoid mixing with different groups of children, it is better that your child only attends one setting to reduce the risk of transmission. If this is going to be a problem, please speak with the childminder.

Our procedure follows:

1. Staff and children are welcomed to Snuggle Bunnies Childcare but **MUST** not come in if experiencing coronavirus symptoms or tested positive, please isolate at home. If you are experiencing the following symptoms of a new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours/a cough that may be worse than usual, high temperature- this means you feel hot to touch on the chest or the back, loss of taste and smell- this means you cannot smell or taste different foods/drinks. If anyone is experiencing coronavirus symptoms you **MUST** not return to the setting until you have completed the isolation period and have no symptoms or had a test with a negative result (Proof will be required).
2. We will have a robust cleaning routine in place, throughout the day and at the end of the day. This means that all toys, furniture, ledges (shelves, bookshelves, sills etc), doors and handles, toilets and taps, walls, floors, and all other areas will be cleaned using disinfectant.
3. Staff, children, and parents will be social distancing as far as possible. This means that parents will drop off their child at the setting entrance allocated to the parents/carer. There will be two-meter social distancing signs located outside of the building. Your child will be in a BUBBLE together with other children and staff where they will remain together in a small group of children. At lunch and sleep time, your child will remain in a BUBBLE together with their peers and staff. Each day your child and staff will remain in the same BUBBLE to ensure continuity. Your child will go outside together to use the outside space. This area will be cleaned after it has been used so that it is cleaned for the next use.
4. Dependent on the coronavirus, arrivals and departures will be staggered, and children will be dropped off at different entrances/exits.
5. Parents/Carers will not enter the building or visit the setting areas unless this has been arranged with the childminder e.g., if your child is in distress.
6. The process of the settling sessions will be managed at separate times for you, your child and the staff.

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