



COVID19 Policy

The purpose of this policy is to clarify our position on operating during the current COVID19 pandemic. The policy MUST be read in conjunction with our operating procedures and risk assessment regarding COVID19.

In these unprecedented times it is vital that all parents, staff and visitors comply with the advice issued by the government and this policy is written in the good faith that this is the case. Anyone found to be in breach of the government guidelines will not be permitted into the preschool premises.

The Ark preschool will closely monitor and follow local guidance issued by Brighton and Hove council. This will take into account localised figures and outbreaks.

It must be recognised that the Ark Preschool takes no responsibility for a child catching COVID19. All parents must accept that whilst the preschool will do its' utmost in line with its risk assessment and operating procedures to reduce the risk of transmission a risk does still remain due to the nature of the disease.

It also needs to be recognised that due to the evolving and changing nature of the disease notice periods for a lockdown could be incredibly short however the preschool will endeavour to contact parents/carers as quickly as possible.

In the event of a lockdown the manager will inform parents and staff by means of social media (our Facebook page), email or by telephone. Parents/carers must ensure that the preschool has 2 emergency contact numbers and that these do not include people that are in the shielded or 'at risk' category.

In the event of a lockdown the preschool will be open to children of keyworkers and those identified as vulnerable only or as advised by the government. Proof will be required as to the status of those children. From September 1st 2020 all parents will be asked to pay 50% of fees for the half term should a lockdown occur. The preschool recognises that financial circumstances may change with lockdown and would therefore urge parents to speak to the manager in this case.

The Ark recognises that the pandemic will and has caused stress to parents, staff and children. We will focus on the emotional wellbeing of all and provide sources of information regarding this. The preschool will also endeavour to provide ideas and resources to all parents to help home learning.

In the event of a child or staff member becoming unwell they will be sent home and told to apply for a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus. If the test is positive they will be asked to isolate for 8 days (1 day on the day they become unwell, plus 7) and their family members/people that they have been in contact with will be asked to isolate for 14 days.

Date To be reviewed Manager
01/06/20 01/09/20 E. James

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