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| COVID-19 |
| Enhanced |

At Enfys Hapus Nursery we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of COVID-19 being spread. We follow the COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control for Childcare Settings (0-5 years) Nurseries Child Minders and Playgroups guidance.

COVID-19 can be spread from person to person through:

* Droplets – If an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, the droplets fly into the air.
* Aeroslized Transmission – lives in the air for up to 3 hours.
* Surface transmission – live on surfaces like plastic and stainless steel for 2 to 3 days.
* Fecal-oral – through soiling.
* Asymptomatic spread – someone unaware of being infected passing onto others.
* Presymptomatic soread – pass it on before signs of infection.

We follow the guidance below to prevent COVID-19 from moving around the nursery. Our staff:

* Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs.
* Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of. All tissues of a child that is symptomatic must be placed into a bag, then place that bag into a second rubbish bag, tie it securely and keep it seperate from other waste. This bag should be put aside for at least 72 hours before placed inside regular waste bin.
* Develop children’s understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy.
* Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately.
* Clean and sterilise all potties and changing mats before and after each use.
* Clean toilets bfore and after each use.
* Remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this (staff to ensure this is done adequetly and not rushed).
* Staff and children to use hand sanitiser when moving to different areas of the nursery. This will be done by ensuring hand sanitiser is accessible in all areas of the nursery.
* Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a daily basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using warm soapy water.
* All fabric toys such as puppets, soft toys to be removed from all areas.
* Wash or clean all equipment used by babies and toddlers as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth.
* Store dummies in individual hygienic dummy boxes labelled with the child’s name to prevent cross-contamination with other children. Dummies to be sterilised every day.
* Immediately clean and sterilise (where necessary) any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is picked up by another child.
* Individual bedding for children is not to be used by another child. All bedding is to be washed every day.
* Limit number of parents and visitors of accessing the nursery. Ask to wait outside main door.
* Ask parents and visitors to use hand sanitiser when they need come into the nursery.
* Follow Symptomatic Child and Symptomatic Staff policy when a child or member of staff is symptomatic to prevent spread of COVID-19 in the nursery.

**In addition:**

The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery

* Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
* Periodically each room in the nursery will be deep cleaned on a daily basis. All soft toys and puppets will be removed.
* The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, hand sanitisers, cleaning materials, sterilising fluid and PPE equipment are maintained at all times.

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| **This policy was adopted on** | **Signed on behalf of the nursery** | **Date for review** |
| 16th June 2020 | Paige Webbley | June 2021 |