

# HETTY Covid-19 Policy

HETTY will continue to follow all Government and Public Health Guidance. Please note that all information given in correspondences and letters is subject to change, at short notice, as official guidance is issued.

We are using our best endeavours to deliver a safe and reliable service under the current circumstances. In line with Government Guidance you must not attend nursery if you, your child or a member of your household has symptoms of Coronavirus. You must self-isolate in line with Government guidance and book a test if appropriate. Please inform HETTY as soon as possible so we can close down the bubble to stop further infection.

## Health and Safety measures

There is high scientific confidence that children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults if they contract coronavirus and there is moderately high scientific confidence that younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with coronavirus, additional protective measures, such as increased cleaning and encouraging good hand and respiratory hygiene Source:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parentsand-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>.

In addition to the above we have been guided by the Department for Education, Local Authorities, OFSTED and other research. Our guiding principles are:

- Safety of children and staff as well as wider families
- Children's emotional well-being
- Re-building of social networks
- Support through any bereavement that families may have experienced

Beginning to assess learning and start the learning process again. It is recognised that children of nursery age are not able to effectively social distance and staff cannot practically implement social distancing with the children. Therefore, the measures below have been put into place in accordance with Government and DfE guidance.

## Basic Principles to keep children safe:

- Children will be organised into a HETTY bubble.
- All staff will be part of the HETTY bubble
- All staff to wear face coverings when opening and closing the door to parents.
- The nursery, including fixed (eg outdoor) play equipment will be subject to an increased regime of cleaning and disinfecting
- All soft furnishings (mats, cushions, soft toys, etc will be removed
- Tables will be cleaned before and after eating. Each table will be separately cleaned using disinfectant spray and disposable paper towels to prevent cross-contamination
- Children will be encouraged not to bring toys from home into the setting.
- Children and staff will wash their hands as soon as they enter HETTY. They will wash their hands at regular intervals during the day, particularly when coming in from outside, before and after eating and using the toilets.
- A daily cleaning rota will be completed at least four times a day
- Children will use toilets one at a time where possible
- Parents and visitors must have a temperature check and wear a mask throughout their visit
- One parent / carer only should be present when dropping-off and collecting their child. Letters and paper will be limited between HETTY and parents when at all possible. We will use email when possible.
- Staff will do a daily courtesy phone call if children don't attend HETTY.
- A risk assessment has been completed and is updated regularly in line with Government guidance.
- Staff will self- isolate if family members are showing signs of Covid-19 or awaiting a test. If they have to self-isolate they will do so for 10 days following guidance.
- The setting will remain open unless directed to close by the Government or Local Authority.
- Parents will be encouraged to make contact over the weekend to report Covid cases and test results via Covid phone or email; [hettymanager@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:hettymanager@hooleceprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)  
Phone: 07510002669
- If closed due to lockdown measures the setting will remain open to support the children of critical care workers (as defined by the government) and vulnerable children. If the setting is unable to open for these children, they will be directed to alternative provision.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of HETTY preschool Staff & Trustees

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**Preschool** : HETTY (Hoole Enterprise Trust Time for You)

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**To Aid:** Staff, parents and children

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