

Health and attendance at Severn Beach Preschool during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This guidance forms part of our risk assessment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION please read. By taking a place at preschool during this time, parents are agreeing to abide by and follow all given guidance.

Please ensure all emergency contact phone numbers we have are current. Please keep your phone switched on and somewhere where you can hear it whilst your child is at preschool. If you are not able to keep your mobile with you at work please inform us of how we can contact you in an emergency.

Please read the recent letter sent home regarding RSV and parainfluenza. Poorly children must be kept at home to prevent the spread of these illnesses.

Please inform us if you have Covid 19 in your home. This will allow us to be extra vigilant with hand washing and our system of controls.

Your child's temperature will be taken on arrival at school and at midday. If their temperature is above 37.8°C you will be asked to take them home and monitor their condition, 38 or over and you will need to arrange a PCR test for them.

If your child develops a cough, a temperature, a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell please do not bring them to preschool and follow government guidelines for self isolation or contact 111 if you become concerned.

Your child will need a PCR test and will need to isolate at home for 10 days.

Lateral Flow Tests are not effective for young children.

If your child returns a negative PCR test isolation can stop and your child can return to preschool **when they are well and have been fever free for at least 24 hours.***

If it is positive then they must continue to isolate for the 10 days.

Please inform preschool immediately of **any positive test**.

*If any symptoms persist after a negative test, however mild, your child must stay at home. If any fever persists they must remain at home until at least 24 hours have passed since the temperature returns to normal. (Normal is 37.5 and under)

If you prefer not to get your child tested you must ensure your child isolates at home for 10 days after the onset of any symptoms.

Everyone's health must be considered at this point in time and we would ask you to support us fully with the above guidelines. **Please do not bring any poorly children to preschool, even if the symptoms are not COVID related.** If you are uncertain then please call ahead on 01454 633377. Again, children must not return to preschool until 24 hours have passed since any raised temperature returns to normal or any illness has passed. (Normal temperature is 37.5 and under) This will help us to keep preschool germ free and staff in work so we can remain open.

If you live with anyone on the extremely clinically vulnerable list (You will have had a letter from your GP or the government) your child may now attend preschool. If you live with someone on the clinically vulnerable list your child can also attend. If your child is on the clinically extremely vulnerable list then please seek medical advice before attending.

If your child develops COVID like symptoms at preschool they will be isolated, but not left alone, until you arrive to collect them. A member of staff will call you to let you know your child needs collecting early. Your child will need to go for a test which you can book online or by phone. Actions to follow after a test are stated above.

If a member of staff develops COVID like symptoms at preschool we will contact another member of staff to come in as soon as possible. If this is not possible, and ratios are breached, parents may be contacted to collect their children. The poorly staff member will then be tested. If the result is positive they must isolate for 10 days. Please see our risk assessment regarding possible closures due to lack of staff.

If we call you to come and collect your child due to ill health please come as quickly as you can as this will be a worrying time for everyone.

If your child has travelled abroad please follow any self isolation requirements set out by the government. Children will not be allowed to attend preschool until your period of isolation is over.

We appreciate the above might seem very strict but these are unprecedented times and we are doing our best to provide a safe and healthy service local to your home whilst working within the confines of government and insurance company requirements.

Thank you.

Cathie.