



Covid - 19 Statement

At Merry Go Round Pre School, we have used the knowledge and experience of working within Early years during the pandemic to set out our own Covid 19 statement.

Although all restrictions will be lifted from April 1st 2022, we have used our professional judgment to run our setting in a safe way.

- Drop off and pick ups - These will remain at the gate, to ensure there is not a gathering of people within the preschool building, which is a singular classroom.
- Face coverings - These are provided in the setting should anyone feel it is best for them to wear during their time with us.
- Hygiene - We will continue to support and encourage children to catch their coughs and sneezes in their elbows, ensure handwashing is done correctly and appropriately, with hand sanitiser readily available at all times.
- Visitors - Where possible, we will invite them in after the children have left for the day to minimise outside contact. If not possible, we will ask visitors to sanitise their hands on arrival and be outside in the garden as much as possible.

- Air quality - We will continue to keep our windows open to provide a constant through fair of fresh air into the building during the times we are not outside.

- Testing - The staff will continue to Lateral Flow test each week

- A positive case - In the event there is a positive case of Covid 19 within our preschool community, despite no longer having to inform Ofsted, we will still notify those who attend Merry Go Round.
 - In the event of a positive case in the setting, we require that they remain absent for 5 days, this is still a highly infectious virus and staying away from the setting will lower the risk of spreading. This also applies to staff.

- Cleaning - We continue with our vigorous cleaning timetable, ensuring surfaces and toilets are cleaned and sanitised throughout the day, with a full preschool deep clean at the end of each day, which is recorded and signed by the team.

- Events - Any group events we organise, for example Sports day, Christmas parties, will be held on Stokenham village green, or in a larger setting for more opportunities to spread out. This is due to our setting being a small singular classroom.

As a provision, we remain highly committed in keeping our staff, children and parents safe and healthy.

Name of manager: Alison Pope

Signed by Chairperson: Rosemary Beard

Signed Date: 26 April 2023

Date of next review: April 2024