



## COVID-19 Policy

### **Policy Statement**

As a childminder running a small business, it is important that I follow the up-to-date guidance from the government on COVID-19, this is to ensure that there are still effective measures in place to minimise risk of infection as much as possible.

### **Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)**

As stated in my 'Sickness, illness and infectious disease' policy, If I believe a child in my setting is suffering from a notifiable disease identified in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, I will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken. As above, I will also apply my own additional measures depending on the circumstance and nature of the illness if I feel that this is absolutely necessary. If I am forced to close due to a public health notice, then I cannot legally enforce payment of fees for the service I cannot provide.

There are no longer rules in place for COVID 19, however, I have a duty of care to protect children from contagious illnesses. It is not a requirement to test your child but if you do and they test positive for COVID 19 and have symptoms such as: a high temperature, consistent cough and not well enough to attend then I will advise to keep them at home until better. However, 'If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school or childcare.' COVID-19 symptoms and what to do - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)). If The Flower Cottage is operating as normal, full fees will still apply.

If parents and carers get tested positive, your child will still be able to attend as normal.

I am no longer required to do a COVID 19 lateral flow test if I have symptoms and will make decisions based on my own professional judgement and how I am feeling. However, if a household family member is experiencing symptoms of COVID 19 and has an underlying health condition or is eligible for further COVID 19 treatments then they will still be required to test.

Following infection prevention control advice is advisable. At The Flower Cottage we strictly carry out the following: Encouraging effective hand hygiene with access to liquid hand wash, warm water, and paper towels. Alcohol hand gel had be used if hands are visibly clean (alcohol hand gel should not be used if there is anyone with reported diarrhoea and/or vomiting as it is not effective against norovirus). We promote good respiratory hygiene (Catch it, Kill it, Bin it). Frequently touched surfaces and any shared items and toys are thoroughly cleaned, along with having a thorough cleaning schedule across the whole setting. We also maintain adequate ventilation within the setting.

Please ensure you have read and understand the COVID-19 policy and procedure.

**All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.**



This policy and procedure has been development in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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