



Procedures to minimise the risk of Covid-19 during the pandemic.

These changes and adaptations have been put in place to keep all children, staff and families as safe as possible from Covid-19.

This statement has been developed to ensure that staff, parents and carers work as a team to make minimise the risk of Covid-19 within the setting. It is paramount that WLP is a safe environment where children can learn, play and enjoy together.

To ensure that the environment is safe for all, adaptations to certain resources and ways that staff set up the pre-school have been considered, reflected on and reviewed. Here are some changes listed below.

Strategies Westbrook Little People are following for a safer environment:

Wash hands on entry and exit. This is to avoid germs in and out of the setting.

Limited soft furnishings. Germs will stick to these for a long period of time and are not always easy to wash.

Windows to be open as much as possible. This is to ensure a good fresh air flow throughout the setting.

No parents / carers on site (unless this is essential for settling in purposes or to communicate with a member of staff – face masks must be worn by parents and social distancing of 2metres must be maintained)

Please drop off and pick up your children from the front door, ensuring that you keep to the 2m social distancing rule

Visitors are limited. Potential new families are allowed to visit. The use of hand gel upon entering, face masks must be worn and social distancing of 2 metres must be maintained. Visiting times are limited. Contact information must be left to follow the track and trace procedure.

All children to enjoy a controlled snack time together. This is so we can monitor hand washing closely before and after eating and that the children only eat food from their own plate.

No items from home, including dummies, toys and comforters are to be bought into the setting.

Encourage staff to wear a clean uniform daily.

Temperatures on entry to be checked - all children and staff will have their temperatures checked upon arrival into the setting. If there is a concern with a temperature, this will then be logged and appropriate procedures followed.

Families and staff are to abide by Government policy regarding symptoms, if one person in the household has symptoms the child should not be attending preschool as the household should be isolating and following Government guidance (Updates can be found online).

Children who have needed medicine such as Calpol should not attend the setting as this can mask Covid-19 symptoms. Parents / carers of children who develop symptoms during session will be asked to collect their child ASAP.

All toys and resources that are on offer to the children must be cleaned daily. A record of cleaning resources is not currently necessary as everything on offer will be cleaned daily.

Westbrook Hall is a community building and is used by other users. The Westbrook Hall committee are registered with the Track and Trace system. If there is a case of Covid-19 Westbrook Little People will be notified and necessary actions will be followed, this includes notifying all of our families.

In the best interests of the children and their families, we also want to advise that reasonable adaptations and changes may be appropriate to adjusted the settings current policies and procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. Also, if any Risk Assessments highlight that the children and staff at WLP are at risk, appropriate adaptations will be made This plan has had very careful consideration for all children, staff and their families. At WLP we want the best for everyone and ensuring that health and safety is put first is paramount. We need to work together to make sure that all staff and families who are associated with WLP are safe. In the unfortunate and unlikely event that there is an outbreak of COVID-19 within the setting then the relevant public health advice will be followed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Further reading:

OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy - HM Government

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – UNICEF UK

Health and Safety at Work act 1974 – [legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings - DfE

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you:

Coronavirus infections are beginning to rise.

We need your help to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health guidance.

Remember, 'hands', 'face', 'space' and the up to date Government guidelines.

Let's all work together to keep Hampshire safe!