**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy**

**Introduction**

This policy applies to all Staff, Parents and children at My First Friends Nursery. This policy also applies to Contractor and BHCC Outside Agencies.

**Purpose of policy**

* Protect all staff, children, outside agencies and contractors including parents from coming into contact with Coronavirus (COVID-19).
* To prevent the transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Nursery Closure**

My First Friends Nursery was closed, apart from key worker children. We will ensure hygiene and self-distancing practice is in place and followed.

**Monitoring**

The nursery is closely monitoring and gathering information from the Government about Coronavirus (COVID-19). We would appreciate it if you can inform us when you or your child/children are showing signs of Coronavirus. If you or your child/children have tested positive then it is a 10 days isolation. If your child tests negative then they can return 24 hours after the result ( we require an email showing the result in order to keep our staff and children safe). If you wish to not test your child/chidlren then they will need to isolate for 10 days. If your child/children show symptoms at nursery a member of staff will be in PPE and will look after your child upon your immediate return.

When the children are back at nursery, there will be a small group per day through the week. When dropping off and collecting your child/children we are limiting it to 1 adult only, this is to safeguard parents , children at staff at the nursery. We would ask you to maintain a 2 metre distance at the nursery. Emergency contacts may need to be updated if you have a relative/friend that is shielding during the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Hygiene - General**

Staff are advised to practice good hygiene throughout the nursery

* Regularly wash hands with hand wash and water for at least 20 seconds.
* Regularly use hand sanitiser.
* Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with either a bent elbow or tissue and always wash hands afterwards.
* Avoid close contact with others, such as handshakes and maintain a social distance of 2 meters.

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| **This policy was adopted on** | **Signed on behalf of the nursery** | **Date for review** |
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