

Pandemic Policy

The policy has been created after consulting the Government Guidance for Early Years Settings.

Prevention of spreading Influenza

- ★ This nursery is equipped with materials suitable to prevent spread of infection, for example, hand cleansers, tissues and tissue disposal units.
- ★ Practice good hygiene – cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw it away as soon as possible afterwards. 'Catch it. Bin it. Kill it'.
- ★ All staff and parents ensure that children wash their hands on a regular basis, especially before eating food.

Symptoms to look out for

The symptoms of **swine flu** are broadly the same as those of ordinary flu but may be more severe and cause more serious complications. The typical symptoms are:

Fever, Runny nose/ sneezing, Loss of appetite, Diarrhoea or Stomach upset, Headache, Tiredness, Chills, Aching muscles, Limb or Joint pain, Sore throat.

The symptoms of **Coronavirus** are similar to ordinary flu but may cause more serious complications for people with underlying health issues, include **Fever, Cough and Difficulty breathing.**

You should be particularly aware if you have travelled recently to any of the named countries on the Government website (please note these are changing daily) or have been in contact with anyone who shows symptoms of being unwell after they have returned from any of the named countries.

Please see our separate COVID-19 Policy.

What to do in a pandemic

- ★ If staff become ill at work, they need to inform their manager and go home.
- ★ If your child shows flu symptoms, please keep them at home.
- ★ If a child shows flu symptoms while at the nursery, it may be necessary to isolate the child and inform parents.
- ★ All staff need to ensure that the environment and equipment are cleaned regularly.
- ★ All staff will ensure that infection control is practiced consistently and rigorously throughout the nursery.
- ★ The Nursery Manager, on the advice of our Local Authority, will make the final decision on closure and re-opening of the nursery when necessary.
 - Wroxham Road: **Becky Potter**
 - Constitution Hill: **Beth Haywood**
 - White House Farm: **Alex Wells**

This policy was adopted by Once upon a time nursery school

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Signed on behalf of the nursery

To be reviewed: Annually or sooner if any matters arise