



## **Kidz Kabin Policy and Procedures if a child or member of staff has suspected Covid-19 symptoms whilst attending nursery**

**This policy has been put in place on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and overrides any other policy relating to sickness, temperatures, infection control and when a child can return to nursery following a temperature.**

Parents and carers are asked to ensure their child does not attend nursery if they are showing any signs of Covid-19. The symptoms on the NHS website are:

- Loss of taste and smell (which may be difficult to establish in a small child)
- Temperature of 37.8 or above
- New and or persistent cough

If the child's temperature is 37.8 or above parents should call the nursery to advise and the child should stay home. The guidance is that children should self-isolate for 7 days from when the temperature starts and family members should self-isolate for 14 days.

Parents/carers should not give their children medication to reduce the temperature to bring the child to nursery. Even if the parent or carer believes that the child is teething or other reason for the temperature, Kidz Kabin cannot accept responsibility for child attending the setting with a temperature above 37.8.

Kidz Kabin will monitor children's health throughout the day, in line with our usual practice. If the child displays any symptoms of being unwell, including a cough, or cold which includes green or heavy discharge, or if the child appears to be unwell in any other way, we will contact parents to collect the child within a reasonable time frame, but not more than 1 hour.

If a child is unwell, they will be isolated from other children and a member of staff will stay with them until the parent or carer arrives to collect them.

Staff will wear PPE when caring for a child who is unwell and follow our infection control guidelines to clean all surfaces, areas and toys which the child may have been in contact with.

The nursery will be cleaned and disinfected, the same evening and before children return the following day.

If a child attending the nursery tests positive for Covid-19, the nursery should be informed within 24 hours and they should self-isolate for 14 days with other members of the household following PHE and Government guidelines regarding social distancing.

### **Employees**

If a member of staff displays any symptoms of Covid-19 they should immediately contact work and self-isolate for 14 days. If they have been at work within the last 24 hours of starting symptoms, the nursery will be cleaned and disinfected in line with our infection control policy. The nursery will be cleaned overnight if it is a weekday or over the weekend if appropriate.

If a member of staff or a child attending the nursery tests positive for Covid-19 the nursery management will inform parents and staff. The premises will be deep cleaned in line with recommended guidelines.



**This may include environmental sterilisation which professionally sterilises every surface from floor to ceiling, and every object on the premises. This will be carried out overnight when the premises are empty.**

**Kidz Kabin are constantly reviewing the cleaning and infection control systems in place and provide appropriate training as needed to ensure all members of staff are familiar with the procedures we have in place.**