

Covid-19 Policies and Procedures for Parents/Guardians

The following procedures must be followed by parents and household members

Risk of Infection

- Please inform Head Start if you or any member of your household develops any of the Covid_19 symptoms. You will then need to follow the government guidelines for self-isolating.
- Sessions will be terminated immediately if the SBS's think that anyone in the household is displaying Covid_19 symptoms.
- SBS's and household members will be required to wash their hands every 30 minutes for 20 seconds.
- The teaching environment should be cleaned before a session begins and the cleaned after.
- You should not offer the SBS's any food or drink whilst in your home.
- When SBS's are playing with any sensory items such as playdoh, sand etc. with the child, they will need to use gloves and once they have finished playing they need to dispose of them in a bin immediately.

Equipment

- We require that anti-bacterial wipes be made available to the SBS's throughout their session so that they can clean down items that they or the child have touched during their session.
- If you require a SBS's to wear gloves or mask's then you will have to supply these.

Social Distancing

- All household members including other children will need to remove themselves from the teaching room to maintain social distancing.
- Social distancing of 2m should be adhered to at all times with the SBS's present.

- Due to the nature of the job it may not be possible for the SBS to socially distance themselves from the child they are working with. However the following things should be limited during their sessions.
 - Physical Reinforcement (tickles, spinning etc.)
 - Physical Prompts (hand over hand prompts etc.)
- The SBS will not travel around the home but stick to the therapy room.

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

- In line with government guidelines PPE is not required unless the people being visited are symptomatic of coronavirus.

Keyworkers

- If you are a key worker and come into contact with Covid_19 patients then you need to inform us straight away as we may not be able to provide services.

Face to Face Workshops

- We will not offer or allow face-to-face team workshops, pairing or joint sessions with therapists or other professionals as it not possible to maintain social distancing. Your consultant will arrange 1-hour video sessions with all therapists throughout the month to cover the 3 hour workshop time.