

Risk Assessment/Covid-19 Risk Assessment - Stay and Play

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Areas: Hall/Outside

RISK IDENTIFIED	LEVEL OF RISK High/med /low	CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	REVIEW DATE
Tables and Chairs	med/low - bumping into and falls	Make sure any spare tables and chairs are correctly stored so children cannot climb on them. The tables and chairs being used have enough space for free movement and distancing around them. Tables and chairs used to be cleaned and stacked away at end of session.	staff in attendance staff clearing up	
Floor	low - slips and falls	Check for any items that have been left on the floor and remove. Any spillages mopped up straight away. Floor swept/cleaned at end of session.	staff in attendance	
Plug sockets	low - electrocution, sticking in fingers etc	When sockets are not in use ensure socket covers are in place. Sockets/switches cleaned after use.	staff in attendance	
Fire doors	low - unauthorised access	Securely shut when not in use.	staff in attendance	
Playgroup cupboards - all of them	low - trapped fingers, items falling off shelves	Ensure the cupboards are closed and latched during the session, lock if necessary. Cupboard handles/latches cleaned at end of session.	staff in attendance	
Gas Fires	low - prevent burns	Fire guards are in place and secure at all times. Heating is turned off at the end of session and switch cleaned after use.	staff in attendance staff locking up	
Fire extinguishers	low - to prevent accidents and accidental letting off	Ensure they are in the correct place, are not touched by the children and are regularly checked by professionals.	staff in attendance owner of the hall	
Fire alarms and	low - in case of fire	Checked once a month and replace batteries or	staff and owner of the hall	

carbon monoxide detector	or carbon monoxide poisoning	unit when needed.		
Kitchen	low - prevent fall and unauthorised access	Door latched when not in use, spills to be mopped up as soon as possible. Light and hot water switched off and any surfaces, sinks, handles, taps, kettles, switches used to be cleaned at end of session. Recommend only staff to use kitchen.	staff and member of staff locking up	
Toilets	low - trapped fingers, slips and fall, hygiene reasons	Group toilets - Main toilet door held open by door stopper when in use, cubicle doors to have wooden stoppers in use to prevent a child locking themselves in. Check there is enough toilet paper, soap and paper towels before session starts. Any spills to be mopped up as soon as possible - use wet floor sign as necessary. Toilets to be checked/cleaned as necessary. Wooden stoppers removed from cubicle doors and main toilet door closed at the end of the session. Toilets, sinks, paper, soap and towel dispensers, steps, floor and training seats cleaned at end of session and safely stored when not needed. Single adult toilet - should only be used by adults and must be cleaned after use (toilet seat, flush button, taps, paper, soap and towel dispensers, door handle and lock). Wipes for this purpose are kept in the toilet cubicle and should be placed in the bin after use. It will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of every session.	all staff and member of staff locking up	
Entrance door and	low- children	Locked and chained during session and keys	all staff and member of	

light	escaping	accessible to all members of staff and out of reach to all children. Closed and locked at the end of the session, light switched off when not needed and when locking up. Sanitiser dispenser, switches and door handles all cleaned before leaving.	staff locking up	
Hot Drinks	medium - burns and scalds, broken glass	Drinks to be drunk at the hatch by parents/carers, preferably one at a time. If needed, staff to keep an eye on the children so parents/carers can have their drink. Cold drinks to be served in plastic beakers if taken outside. Hands should be washed before/after drink.	staff in attendance Parents/carers All parents/carers/staff	
Children's Drinks/snacks	choking/spreading germs on toys/furniture Sharing cups - risk of spreading infection	Children should sit down to eat any snack and not wander round with food items. Drink pouring should be supervised by parent/carer and the child's name written on the cup being used, parent to keep an eye on the cup used or bring own named cup from home. Hands should be washed before and after snacking/drinking.	Parents/carers supported by staff in attendance	
Toys	low/med - sharp edges	All toys to be checked regularly for damage and thrown away if they pose a risk. All toys to be cleaned/sprayed in between sessions and immediately removed and cleaned if put in mouth. Cloth toys to be washed (if possible) between sessions or sprayed with disinfectant. Cleaning wipes for this purpose to be available throughout the setting, out of reach of children. Playdough made fresh for and disposed of after each	staff in attendance parents/carers to be vigilant.	

		session.		
Outside area - garden and side access	low - to keep children safe	Make sure area is free from rubbish and animal faeces. Access gates closed and bolted but accessible.	staff in attendance	
Windows	Low - to keep hall ventilated. Med - adult hitting head on open window	East side windows can be opened fully in hot weather. West side windows only opened fully if side area not in use. Windows should be kept open on a slit in colder weather to ensure fresh air can circulate. Windows should be closed, handles cleaned at end of session	Staff in attendance	
Use of mobile 'phones/cameras	Med - safeguarding	Expectation is that parents/carers ask permission before using phone to take photos and should only take photos of their child unless other parent/carer has given permission. 'Phones should not be used in the hall/garden. If parent/carer needs to make or receive a call, they should go into the entrance lobby, having asked a member of staff to keep an eye on their child while they make/take the call.	Staff in attendance to monitor. Provide handout/rules for parents and display poster in setting too.	

Attending Stay and Play - additional Covid-19 measures	All the following procedures aim to lower the risk of infection transmission and to enable social distancing to take place.	No-one should enter the premises if they are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms (raised temperature, new and continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell and/or taste). There are markings outside the entrance to allow families to socially distance whilst waiting to come in, if wanted. Both front double doors can be opened on entry/exit to allow for social distancing.	People attending Stay and Play. Staff to ensure poster is on the door Parents/carers	
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<p>Entering/Exiting Stay and Play</p> <p>Hall</p>		<p>Everyone (including children) to wash or sanitise hands on entry and exit to the setting, using soap and water or sanitiser dispenser.</p> <p>Staff and parents/carers may choose to wear a face covering during the session, but this is now personal choice.</p> <p>Buggies/pushchairs - these may be brought into the premises, but should be kept in the buggy park area and not accessed, if possible during the session. (Allowances can be made for sleeping babies/children). If staff need to move any buggies, they will wipe the handle(s) with an antibacterial wipe, before moving them and wash their hands afterwards, or will ask you to move it yourself.</p> <p>Both hall inner double doors to be hooked open to enable air flow and social distancing to be maintained.</p> <p>Ventilation - before Stay and Play starts, windows and doors will be opened to let fresh air circulate and then closed, as necessary once families arrive. Windows will then be left open slightly on the latch to ensure fresh air can get in during the session. During the cold winter months, both heaters can be switched on to ensure the hall remains at a suitable temperature for everyone. The CO2 monitor can be used to ensure air flow and ventilation is adequate. If the readings are regularly under 800, ventilation</p>	<p>Staff to remind Parents/carers to oversee</p> <p>Staff/Parents/carers</p> <p>Parents/carers</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Staff</p>	
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<p>Paying for the session</p>		<p>is good. If the reading is above 800, ventilation can be improved, e.g. opening windows/doors more frequently. If readings are over 1500, ventilation MUST be improved</p> <p>Payment can be made by cash or by BACS, please let us know how you are paying when you register. Staff may wear disposable gloves to handle money and/or wash/sanitise their hands after handling each household's money. Parents/carers should sanitise their hands after handling money. Hand sanitiser will be available at the registration table for this purpose, out of the reach of children.</p>	<p>Staff/Manager</p> <p>Parents/carers</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Parents/carers</p>	
<p>Resources/Toys</p>		<p>Toys - there may be a restricted number of toys available, e.g. less soft toys/blankets, selection of vehicles rather than a whole box etc. to enable thorough cleaning of items to take place, as necessary. If a child is observed to put a toy in their mouth, once finished with, it will be removed for immediate cleaning. Parents and carers are asked to be vigilant with this too and cleaning wipes will made available throughout the setting (but out of reach of children) for this purpose.</p> <p>Sensory/messy play - children and adults engaging in messy activities. e.g. paint, glue, sand, water, playdough etc, should wash/sanitise their hands before and after using these resources. Tools used in these activities will be cleaned after use. Playdough will be made fresh for each session and</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Parents/carers to be vigilant</p> <p>Staff to oversee/support</p> <p>All children/adults</p> <p>Staff</p>	

<p>Toilets</p>		<p>disposed of at the end. The sand tray is cleaned and disinfected each week and the sand is sieved and cleaned (using disinfectant spray) or disposed of and replaced each week, or as necessary.</p> <p>Toilets (please see note above) - children should only use the group toilets which will be cleaned before and after the session and checked and cleaned, if necessary, during the session.</p> <p>Adults should use the single toilet and clean it after use, using the wipes provided.</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Parents/carers to supervise own children Staff to oversee/support</p> <p>All adults</p>	
<p>Notification of a positive Covid-19 test result</p>		<p>From February 24th, the Test and Trace system will no longer be used. However, it is still good practice to inform the Playgroup if you or someone you bring to Stay and Play tests positive for Covid-19 in the three days following a visit. If you do test positive, you are advised to isolate at home following current Government guidance.</p>	<p>All adults attending</p>	
<p>Singing/Story</p>		<p>Inside everyone should face the same way, rather than facing each other (The staff member leading the singing or story may want to ensure they are 1m+ away from the children or adults joining in.) All instruments should be cleaned after use (if used). Two carpets/mats could be used to enable social distancing if there are a large number of people.</p>	<p>All adults/children</p> <p>Staff leading singing</p> <p>Staff/all adults</p>	