



Parent/Carer Agreement for returning after Lockdown due to COVID-19 (June 2020)

Barkway Preschool is implementing a series of measures to manage risk and protect everyone, keeping the preschool clean and safe for children, staff and parents. *(Please see our COVID-19 Policy and Procedure.)*

We need to ask for your help and agreement to the following points, so that we can make returning to preschool as safe as possible. We are asking all parents/carers to read the measures below and support us by adhering to them. We will be minimising paper handling, so before your child returns to preschool, **please email us to confirm receipt of this agreement and to give your agreement to respect the measures.**

1. **Anyone** who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or has displayed symptoms in the previous 7 days, or lives with someone who has displayed symptoms in the previous 14 days, should notify preschool immediately and not attend preschool unless they have subsequently tested negative for coronavirus.

The [main symptoms of coronavirus](#) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

The advice is that the child and their whole household should be tested if anyone is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus (however mild), along with all staff or children they have been in contact with in the setting. You should follow the Government's guidance on Coronavirus testing - how to arrange a test and the stay-at-home guidance on self-isolating.

If the child tests negative, they can return to preschool and their household members can end self-isolation. If the child tests positive, the rest of their immediate group within preschool will be sent home and will need to isolate for 14 days. The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not themselves need to self-isolate, unless the child they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

If a test is positive for coronavirus, parents must share information promptly about their recent contacts with the NHS Test and Trace service, so this service can alert other people who may need to self-isolate.

For those with symptoms, guidance on testing can be accessed by going to:

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

Unless your child and all other members of your household are tested and the tests show negative, your child must stay away from preschool for 14 days.

2. We ask that parents/carers provide us with the most up to date contact details, by completing the revised registration form for returning after lockdown. Please ensure that we have your current email address(es).
3. We will be minimising paperwork, so all parents/carers should make sure their email and Tapestry accounts are active and should check these daily. We will be using these channels to communicate with parents/carers as much as possible, including daily accidents. Parents/carers should report any problems to Barkway Preschool immediately.
4. If your child is unwell at preschool or displaying symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that they are collected within **one hour** of us calling you. Preschool will have a designated area for any child that needs to go home and is displaying potential signs and symptoms of COVID-19. This area will be equipped with PPE and age-appropriate, easily-sanitised toys to keep the child happy, until their parent/carer arrives.
5. We ask that parents sign up to the NHS Test and Trace service. We are also asking that your child does not attend preschool if you live in a household where someone has been asked by a contact-tracer to self-isolate for 14 days. Please inform us immediately and follow the guidance before returning to preschool.
6. We recommend that your child does not attend preschool if any member of your household is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable (those with serious underlying health conditions which put them at very high risk of severe illness from coronavirus).
7. We ask you to be completely open about your child's health. We will not accept any child that has been given paracetamol or ibuprofen before being brought to preschool, as this may mask signs of illness or fever.
8. If your child is unwell (with any illness other than COVID-19) you should allow 48 hours after their last symptom before returning them to preschool.
9. Only one parent/carer should drop off and pick up from preschool. They should wait outside the main school entrance, along the railings in the marked off areas, ensuring they are 2 metres away from other parents/carers. When handing over your child to a member of staff, please also keep 2 metres away from them, as a precautionary measure. Parents will not be allowed to enter the preschool room unless their child is unsettled.
10. We ask that you abide by the Government's guidance on social distancing at all other times, to limit the transmission of COVID-19.
11. The guidance advises that children should not wear facemasks in the setting. If your child arrives wearing a face covering, we ask that you take it home with you before they enter.
12. Everyone coming into preschool will be required to wash their hands immediately on arrival and when they leave. We have a comprehensive and thorough cleaning programme in place throughout preschool and will be encouraging everyone to wash their hands frequently and ensuring that they do so.
13. We ask parents to confirm that they are happy with the sessions they have been allocated. You will need to give Barkway Preschool two weeks notice if you wish to

change them. This is so that we can follow Government guidelines to keep class sizes small and to isolate and contain possible Covid-19 cases in the setting. We will initially have smaller class sizes and will be running shorter sessions on fewer days.

14. Please give us as much notice as possible if you want your child to return to preschool or to change sessions. Our minimum requirement is 2 weeks' notice, because we need to organise staff rotas and ensure we comply with staff:child ratios.
15. When we re-open we will be operating with fewer staff than normal. If we find we cannot meet the minimum adult:child ratios due to staff illness/absence, we may have to close with **minimal or no notice**. We ask you to be considerate if we have to do this.
16. If we have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, preschool will have to close with **minimal or no notice**. We ask for your understanding if this happens.
17. To reduce risk, we must limit the number of items coming in and out of preschool. We ask that you send in only what is necessary for the care of your child. All toys from home should stay at home, to reduce the risk of infection.
18. We will not be providing snacks. For each session please provide a snack for your child in a named box. This should contain one piece of fruit and a carbohydrate snack such as crackers. No chocolate or sweets please.
19. You should also provide a named drinking bottle for the session. Please ensure this is filled with water (not juice) and is cleaned daily.
20. Please send your child to preschool in appropriate clothing for the weather and apply sun cream to them before they arrive.
21. We ask that parents send their child to preschool in freshly laundered clothes.
22. Please send your child with enough spare clothes, nappies and wipes to avoid the need to use preschools.
23. You must tell us if your child is also attending another childcare setting. If so, we will not be able to accept your child at Barkway Preschool.
24. Whilst we have not charged fees during this crisis while preschool was closed, we still require one month's notice as per our terms of business to terminate your child's place.

For the safety of everyone, strict compliance with the Government guidelines and the above measures are required at all times.