**MARHAM VILLAGE PRESCHOOL**

**CORONAVIRUS POLICY \*Updated September 2021\***

**Prevention:**

* Anybody who is unwell with symptoms of coronavirus will not be admitted into the setting.
* If a child or staff member has any symptoms of Coronavirus, a new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of or change in normal sense of smell, they will be asked to go home to self-isolate and book a test.
* Self-Isolation: if your child is identified as a close contact, please see current government guidelines.
* Staff members who are identified as a close contact will adhere to current government guidelines.
* Parents/carers are asked to drop off and pick up their children at the door. They should ring the doorbell, then go back and wait for their child to be collected from them or delivered to them.
* Hands will be washed more often throughout the day: straight away upon entering the setting, after toilet breaks, after playing outside, before and after eating and after putting hands in mouth or sneezing etc.
* Cleaning regimes have been increased, rooms are cleaned more often, and frequently touched surfaces are disinfected regularly.
* We will encourage and practise ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’. We always have plenty of tissues available and bins to dispose of the used ones.
* Any toys or equipment which are put in mouths will be placed in a tray ready to be disinfected at the end of the day. Drinks bottles will be disinfected immediately if they are used by another child.
* If a child starts to develop symptoms while at preschool, they will be taken to a separate room with a closed door with adult supervision. The window will be opened for fresh air. The staff member who is supervising will wear PPE and all areas will be disinfected afterwards. If the child needs to use the toilet, it will be cleaned immediately after, and the child will wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and running water.

**NHS Test and Trace**:

Staff members and parents/carers should understand that they must be ready and willing to:

* Book a test if they are displaying symptoms; staff and children should not come into the setting and must be sent home if the symptoms develop while at preschool. We ask for test results to be given to us when received.
* The responsibility of test and trace is now with NHS and we are not required to identify people who have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus

**Managing Confirmed Cases**:

* We will call the DfE helpline on **0800 046 8687** option 1 for advice on action to take. The advice service will work closely with the setting.
* In most cases, the setting and the parents will be in agreement that a child with symptoms should not attend the setting.
* Any confirmed cases, whether a staff member or a child will be swiftly reported to Ofsted.