



Seahorses Flying Start

Covid 19 policy

In Wales we are now moving from pandemic to endemic and living with COVID-19, as outlined in our 'Together for a safer future: Wales' long-term Covid-19 transition from pandemic to endemic (March 2022)' plan. However, COVID-19 has not gone away and will remain with us globally. Seahorses Flying Start will consider what they can do to reduce the spread of the virus, and protect their staff and the children using their services.

Settings should manage COVID-19 in the same way as other respiratory infections and communicable diseases, taking appropriate control measures as required

In particular, Seahorses Flying Start will ensure they are aware of '*Public Health Wales (PHW's) Infection Prevention and Control for Childcare Settings Guidance*' and '*Audit Tool For Childcare and Education Settings in Wales*' which provides guidance in relation to infection prevention and control practice, including cleaning of toys and equipment and how to deal with waste.

Seahorses Flying Start will:

- consider how they can manage their operations to reduce the risk of transmission at the setting
- be aware of self-isolation advice and what this requires where someone tests positive for COVID-19
- ensure children and staff who are unwell with core COVID-19 symptoms do not attend the setting until they feel well enough
- ensure staff and children follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices
- maintain effective cleaning regimes
- keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- encourage use of outdoor space where this is available, where there is a mix of indoor and outdoor provision, maximising the use of the outdoor element is important
- support vaccine take up
- ensure staff and parents are aware of a settings policies regarding COVID-19.



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