



CHEEKY MONKEYS OSC LTD

# Cheeky Monkeys Out of School Club



## Coronavirus / COVID-19 Policy

Cheeky Monkeys OSC recognises the importance of advanced planning in order to maintain services and limit the spread of the new coronavirus, known as COVID-19, within our setting.

COVID-19 is a viral infection similar to flu, spread from person to person by close contact. It typically causes fever and a dry cough, and in some cases may progress to viral pneumonia which cannot be treated by antibiotics. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

New, continuous cough	Sore throat
Fever (37.8 degrees and above)	A change to taste or smell
Difficulty breathing	

The initial symptoms are not dissimilar to other colds and flu-type illnesses.

Any child who becomes ill with symptoms which could be COVID-19 while at the Club will be isolated from the other children by at least two metres until the child can be collected by his or her parents.

The child must then be tested for the Coronavirus infection.

Since Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR (or from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 a positive LFD) test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Should any children or staff experience symptoms of COVID-19 they should stay away from the Club until all symptoms have passed and they test negative for the virus.

If any staff, children or parents are notified via the 'Track and Trace APP', they must follow the guidelines given by the NHS.

### Infection control

Like the common cold and other flu viruses, COVID-19 is spread by:

- Infected people passing the virus to others through large droplets when coughing, sneezing, or even talking within a close distance.
- Direct contact with an infected person: for example, if you shake or hold their hand, and then touch your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands.
- Touching objects (eg door handles, light switches) that have previously been touched by an infected person, then touching your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands. Viruses can survive longer on hard surfaces than on soft or absorbent surfaces.

We will limit the risk of catching or spreading COVID-19 at the Club by:

- Regular handwashing by staff and children. All staff and children will be required to wash their hands or sanitise immediately upon entry to the setting and on regular intervals during the session.
- Minimising contact between our hands and mouth/nose
- Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing; using a tissue when possible, and disposing of the tissue promptly and carefully (bag it and bin it) into the lidded bin within the setting.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (eg door handles, light-switches, tables, etc) with sanitizer frequently
- Encouraging the children at the Club to follow the guidance above
- Instructing staff to remain at home if they display any relevant symptoms, or sending them home if they first display symptoms while at work.

At Cheeky Monkeys OSC we will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

- Follow the procedures put in place by Highfields Primary school.
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available within the Club, with frequent cleaning and disinfecting of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles, toys and furniture.
- Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically
- Provide tissues and suitable facilities for their disposal.

The recommended distance for safe distancing is 2 metres however this is difficult to maintain in the setting. The following changes will be made to the running of each session:

- Parents / carers will not be permitted to enter the setting. Their child/children must be dropped off by the door.
- Parents will be asked to practise safe distancing of 2 metres whilst waiting to drop off their children.
- Some activities will be suspended.
- All resources will be cleaned immediately after use.
- Outdoor play will be encouraged as much as possible.
- Any cups, dishes, plates or cutlery used will be sterilised by using the school dishwasher after every use.

### **Closure.**

The Club will have to close if advised to do so by the local authority in the interest of safeguarding the children in our care. We will therefore follow the government guidelines if we have a confirmed case.

In the event of closure, the manager will notify parents or carers as soon as possible. The manager will also notify Ofsted of the closure.

### **Advance planning**

In preparation for dealing with COVID-19, the Club will ensure that all contact details for staff, children and parents are up to date.

We will prepare letters of notification for parents and staff, so that they can be distributed immediately if an outbreak occurs (see Outbreak Policy).

We will endeavour to build a bank of relief or supply staff who are able to provide cover should staffing levels fall below the required legal minimums. Any relief staff will be DBS

checked at the time of joining our team, so that they are legally able to work with children should the situation arise.

**The Club will regularly update its information regarding COVID-19, by checking the latest guidance from Public Health England and the local authority and will inform parents and staff of any changes to our emergency plans.**

### **Useful contacts**

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Health Protection Team (HPT): [0344 225 3560](tel:03442253560)

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Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Health [3.44].