

COVID-19 Safety Measures for The Children's House Preschool

NSW Education Department requires schools to:

- exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
- encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic children or staff
- prohibit return to school for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 until a negative COVID test result has been reported
- ensure that adults maintain physical distancing at all times
- ensure good hand hygiene at all times (e.g. upon entry to the school, entry to the classroom and upon exit of the classroom)
- Staff gatherings should be minimised and, where they must occur, limited to the minimum amount of people required to achieve educational outcomes.
- Staff are required to maintain social distancing and wear a mask outside at all times and inside when possible.

Procedures to be followed:

Parents to receive updated viral and infectious disease policy.

COVID safety measures to be added to school website and emailed to parents.

The gate will be locked at all times, except at drop off time between 8.30am and 8.50am.

No parents or visitors will be allowed on site unless double vaccinated.

Teachers will assist with kiss and drop off at the gate between 8.30am and 8.50am.

Teachers will sign children in and out.

While waiting for their turn to come in parents and children will practice social distancing aided by lines sprayed across paths leading to gate.

A doorbell has been installed on the gate; this will ring up in the classroom, for those who need access at other times.

Staff and children to wash hands upon arrival and often throughout the morning.

Staff use hand sanitiser frequently.

There will be no cups available on the shelf so we ask all children to bring a drink bottle clearly labelled with their name.

There will be no communal snack; a staff member will serve fruit on individual plates to children.

Food preparation activities will be washed by the teacher in the kitchen between use.

At the end of the session, in addition to our normal cleaning, all chairs, tables and surfaces will be disinfected along with pencils, scissors and rulers.

Dancing and music sessions will be held outside.

Children will also be encouraged to take their work outside to do on the decks.