

Bisley Base Ltd

Return and Reopening from 1st June 2019

Coronavirus / COVID-19 Policy

After the recent news that schools will be returning on a phased return, we have updated our policy and procedures to show how we will manage the children during their time with us. We have listed the areas of concern and how we will try and limit transmission. As we are unable to guarantee 100% we understand that some parents may wish to not send their children. The building will be cleaned and equipment antibac at regular times.

1. Collection; The bus will be cleaned before the children are collected. Antibac will be offered for the children to apply. Children will have a spare seat between another child unless they are from the same household. If they need help with seat belts the adult will wear a mask and assist. The children waiting at school for the next bus will wait on a designated marker to keep them separate from each other.
2. On return to BASE; The children will alite the bus one at a time to avoid crowding and wash their hands straightaway. They will be offered a snack and a drink and not self-pour or self-select.
3. Handwashing; The children will be supervised to ensure they wash their hands thoroughly and this will be done when they move from one area to another, after visiting the toilet, messy play and before they eat.
4. Food and Drinks; We will offer a further snack that will be eaten outside if possible if not we will stagger timings inside. Areas will be cleaned after each sitting. Drinks will be offered throughout the session but will be poured by an adult to avoid multiple children handling jugs.
5. Craft room; This will be done outside if possible with a limited amount of children at one time. Children will be allocated pens etc to use for that session and then they will be cleaned.
6. Outside play; All equipment will be sprayed before the children arrive each day and throughout the session. Trampoline will be one at a time unless from same household. Climbing frame, climbing tower, swings can all be sprayed during the session to minimise infection.
7. Inside play; TV room will be of limits. Computer time limited and cleaned after every use. Boxes of toys will be limited to those that are easy to clean and will be done daily.
8. Intimate care; Standard PPE eg gloves, aprons and mask will be worn.
9. First Aid; As above
10. Pick up Time; Parents will wait outside the building and children will be brought to you. The children will wash their hands before leaving.

Bisley Base Ltd 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:

Cough	Sore throat
Fever	Tiredness
Difficulty breathing	

The initial symptoms are not dissimilar to other colds and flu-type illnesses, so the key question is whether the patient has also travelled to a high risk area in the last two weeks, or been in contact with a person who has.

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. Most suspected cases turn out to be negative so the Club will remain open unless or until advised otherwise by the local Health Protection Team, but parents and staff will be informed, especially those in high-risk groups.

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 or children have returned from a high risk area they will be asked to stay away from the Club for 14 days from their date of return.

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
- 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)
- 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 Bisley Base Ltd we will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

- Display posters and information to promote infection control
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available within the Club
- Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically
- Provide tissues and suitable facilities for their disposal.

Closure

The latest advice is that closing individual settings is of limited benefit in stopping the spread of the disease. However, there may be some occasions when we will have to consider temporarily closing the Club because we have too few unaffected staff to run sessions safely. If this occurs the manager will contact [local Early Years or Childcare service] for further support and guidance.

The Club will also have to close if advised to do so by the local authority in the interest of safeguarding the children in our care.

In the event of closure, the manager will notify parents or carers as soon as possible. The manager will also inform the local Early Years or Childcare service as well as other relevant parties, eg feeder schools, other users of shared premises, etc. 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.

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

Early Years or Childcare Service: earlysupport@surreycc.gov.uk

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Health Protection Team (HPT): PHE.sshpu@nhs.net 0344 225 3861 (option 1 to 4 depending on area)

This policy was adopted by Bisley Base Ltd	Date: March 2020
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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].