

# Sunbeams Play

A haven for children and  
young people with Autism

## Health and Safety

### 22.a Covid-19

#### Managing Children/Young People

On arrival all children and young people will have their temperature taken via a non-contact infrared thermometer prior to entering the building.

Parents/carers will be asked if their child/young person has displayed any signs of being unwell or been in contact with anyone believed to be showing signs of a Covid infection.

Young people arriving without their parent/carer will have their temperatures taken and will be asked about symptoms and contacts.

Children and young people showing symptoms of Covid 19 or linked variant must not attend Sunbeams.

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature (37.5 degrees C or above)
- Persistent cough
- Loss of taste and smell

Parents of a child/young person that presents with a high temperature or other Covid symptoms while attending a session will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately and advised to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT).

All parents of the remaining children/young people attending the session will be contacted and asked to collect their child/young person.

Parents will be advised to follow the current government guidelines with regard to self-isolation and testing.

If a test is carried out showing a negative result all children/young people can return on their next allocated date.

Where a positive result is given all children/young people from that session will be informed and will be advised to follow the government guidelines.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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## **Managing Staff (including management, trustees and volunteers)**

On arrival all staff will have their temperature taken via a non-contact infrared thermometer prior to entering the building.

All staff will be asked if they have displayed any signs of being unwell or been in contact with anyone believed to be showing signs of a Covid infection.

Staff showing symptoms of Covid 19 must take a Lateral Flow Test prior to coming into Sunbeams. Symptoms include:

- A high temperature (37.5 degrees C or above)
- Persistent cough
- Loss of taste and smell

Any staff that presents with a high temperature or other Covid symptoms while attending a session will be asked to take a Lateral Flow Test. If the result is positive, they will be asked to go home immediately.

Parents will be advised to follow the current government guidelines with regard to contact, self-isolation and testing.

If a test is carried out showing a negative result the staff member can remain at work but will be provided with Lateral Flow Tests and asked to repeat the tests for the following 4 days.

Where a positive result is given all children/young people from that session will be informed and will be advised to follow the government guidelines.

All staff that were in contact with that person will be asked to take provided Lateral Flow Tests for the following 4 days.

## **Managing the setting**

All staff are Covid trained and Sunbeams will do their utmost to ensure we maintain a Covid secure setting with high hygiene levels.

- 1-1 support is provided for the most vulnerable children and young people.
- Hand sanitizers are available within the setting.
- Individual 'Covid safety' boxes are available for each play-worker containing sanitizer, wipes, gloves and masks. Aprons are available if needed.
- Deep cleaning twice a week including fogging.

[COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts)

[Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/use-of-ppe-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care)

[COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)

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