# Sunbeams Play

## A haven for children and young people with Autism

### **Health and Safety**

#### 22.a Covid-19

#### **Managing Children/Young People**

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/young person 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 informed of possible covid contact

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

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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

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.

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.

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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)

Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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