

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Government advice yesterday (12.03.2020) we will be asking all parents to keep children at home if they display a **new, continuous cough** and/or a **temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher**. Children with these symptoms will need to stay at home for **7 days** from the onset of symptoms. If this does occur, please phone or email the preschool to let us know.

If a staff member identifies a child with these symptoms while at the preschool, we will immediately get in touch with parents to collect their child. Children will then need to stay home for the next 7 days.

We understand that these new measures may be an inconvenience to parents; however, it is vital that we follow advice to reduce the spread of infection.

These measures may also affect staff members at the preschool as they will also have to stay at home if they display mild symptoms. This could have implications on our setting being able to safely supervise and care for the children.

If a large number of staff members are required to stay home, we will be in touch with parents as soon as possible to let you know what appropriate steps we will have to take. This may include:

- reducing our daily opening hours for a short length of time
- finding volunteers to support the running of the preschool
- closing the preschool if no other option remains

Please ensure that your **contact details are up-to-date**. You can check the contact details we hold for you on your ParentZone app. If you have any difficulties, please let a member of staff know.

The preschool will be releasing our policy on Coronavirus and infection control at the beginning of next week after consultation with our trustees.

If you have any other questions, please ask a member of staff.

Aimee and Preschool staff