



Coronavirus(Covid-19) Management Policy

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Policy Statement:

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that was originally identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. The World Health Organization (WHO), has declared that COVID-19 outbreak as a ‘pandemic’- a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (effective 11 March 2020). This is mainly due to the speed and scale of transmission of the virus in countries around the world, including Australia.

COVID-19 is transmitted from someone who is infected with the virus to others in close contact through contaminated droplets spread by coughing or sneezing or by contact with contaminated hands or surfaces. According to Department of Health, the time of exposure to the virus and when symptoms first occur is anywhere from 2-14 days.

Symptoms can range from a mild illness, similar to a cold or flu, to pneumonia. People with COVID-19 may experience:

- fever
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue
- shortness of breath

The [Australian Government](#) is constantly updating the current status of COVID-19 including health recommendations, travel restrictions, and a vast collection of resources and information to help people make informed decisions.

As this information is changing rapidly, Brayside Community Preschool is constantly monitoring health alerts and implementing measures suggested by key health experts to minimise the transmission of COVID-19.

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Our preschool has a range of comprehensive policies in place to guide best practice in relation to health and safety, dealing with infectious diseases and maintaining a child safe environment. Our duty of care and responsibilities to children, parents, families and all staff to provide a safe environment is of utmost importance.

The evolving nature of COVID-19 and the unprecedented steps required to protect our community as recommended by the Australian Government, has resulted in the development of a specific policy to assist our preschool manage this pandemic.

This policy will change as required to ensure the protective measures against COVID-19 as advised by our government are implemented by Brayside Community Preschool.

Please note: Restrictions in various jurisdictions can be found as they become available- [COVID-19 information for the early childhood education and care sector](#)

As recommended, our Service has a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place and a copy is available on our premises at all times. We are a COVID Safe business and are registered with our [NSW Government](#)



Goals:

Our preschool will minimise our staff and children's exposure to COVID-19 by adhering to all recommended guidelines from the Australian Government- Department of Health and local Public Health Units to slow the spread of the virus. We will implement practices that help to reduce the transmission of the virus including the exclusion of any person (child, educator, staff, parent, visitor or volunteer) that is suspected or has tested positive to having COVID-19. Our preschool will implement effective hygiene practices as per our existing policies and procedures.

Our preschool will provide up-to-date information and advice to parents, families and educators sourced from the Australian Government, Department of Health and state Ministry of Health about COVID-19 as it becomes available. Recommendations and health measures mandated by the Health Department will be strictly adhered to at all times. This includes advice for lockdowns and attendance at preschool which at times may mean attendance is limited to vulnerable children and children of essential workers ..

Brayside Community Preschool will ensure it has a COVID Safe Plan in place.

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Strategies:

Our Service is committed to minimise the spread of the COVID-19 virus by implementing recommendations provided by the [Australian Government- Department of Health](#).

Our preschool implements procedures as stated in the *Staying healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services* (Fifth Edition) developed by the Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council as part of our day-to-day operation of our preschool.

We are guided by explicit decisions regarding exclusion periods and notification of any infectious disease by the *Australian Government- Department of Health* and local Public Health Units in our jurisdiction under the **Public Health Act**. COVID-19 is a notifiable condition in all states and territories of Australia.

In the event of any child, educator, staff member or visitor attending our Service who is suspected or confirmed to have the infection, the Approved Provider will contact their Public Health Unit.

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| National Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Information Line |
| 1800 020 080 Call 131 450 for translating and interpreting service |
| Health Direct 1800 022 222 |
| Public Health Unit- Local state and territory health departments |

This policy must be read in conjunction with our other Service policies:

- Work, Health and safety Policy
- Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy
- Hygiene and Infection Control Policy
- Medication and Health Statement.
- Interactions with Children Policy
- Fees Policy
- Providing a Child Safe Environment Policy

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Minimising the transmission of COVID-19

Risk Management

Brayside Community Preschool has effective and systematic risk management processes in place to identify any possible risks and hazards to our learning environment and practices related to COVID-19. Where possible, we have eliminated or minimised these risks as is reasonably practicable. Control measures are reviewed in consultation with staff members. Due to the constant changes in managing our Service during the pandemic, our approach to risk management is ongoing and fluid.

Effective 15 March 2020, the [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee](#) made recommendations to the general public to help manage the spread of COVID-19. These measures include implementing good hygiene, self-isolation and social distancing.

Amendments to this statement have been updated regularly and include recommendations for risk mitigation measures such as:

- exclusion of unwell staff, children and visitors
- reducing mixing of children by separating cohorts
- enhanced personal hygiene for children, staff and parents
- full adherence to the NHMRC childcare cleaning guidelines and cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces at least twice daily, washing and laundering play items and toys
- discouraging excursions to local parks, public playgrounds and
- recommending influenza vaccination for children, staff and parents.

Parents of children with a current Asthma Action Plan are advised to update this if needed in consultation with their child's health care professional. Updated plans should be provided to management for distribution to relevant staff members. (Asthma Australia).

Staff with compromised immune systems are also requested to seek medical advice whilst working in early education and care during the pandemic. The AHPPC reiterates the need to practise physical distancing, practise good cough and hygiene and consider downloading the COVID Safe app.

Electronic sign in as required for NSW Services

Parents, families and visitors (including contractors) must check in to early education and care facilities, using the Service NSW QR code. Services are required to display the Service NSW QR code and take reasonable steps to ensure adults check-in, no matter how minor the interaction with the

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service may be. If families do not have access to a Smart device, a manual collection of personal contact details must be collected and entered into an electronic format (such as a word document and kept for at least 4 weeks).

Brayside Community Preschool QR code is included in our policy documents and will be available on site to scan at all times until advised otherwise.

Vaccinations

ECEC staff in NSW are required to have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccination by 9 November 2021. Our preschool will follow NSW Health guidelines and health orders in regard to Covid-19 Vaccination requirements in Early Childhood.

Infection Control Training

Our staff are committed to assist in infection prevention controls and have completed [COVID-19 infection control training](#).

We **strongly** recommend that all staff and families receive the COVID-19 vaccination as their eligibility to receive the vaccine becomes available. Seasonal influenza vaccinations are recommended for staff, parents and children.

Hygiene practices

Our preschool will ensure [signs and posters](#) remind employees and visitors of the risks of COVID-19 and the measures that are necessary to stop its spread including hand washing and hand rub procedures and information about COVID-19.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)- Help stop the spread- resource for early childhood education and care providers and services](#)

These will also be communicated to families through email, newsletters and social media. Alcohol-based hand sanitiser will be kept out of reach of young children and only available for adults to use. If parents decide to apply this to their child, they must supervise the child to avoid rubbing it into their eyes or a child swallowing the gel/liquid. Our Service will supply disposable tissues and have bins available with plastic liners available in several locations for disposing used items.

Information provided to families may include:

- symptoms of COVID-19

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- transmission of the virus
- self-isolation and exclusion
- prevention strategies- including hand hygiene and self-isolation
- contact details for health assistance
- Public Health Orders (if required)
- Wearing of face masks

The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor, educators, staff, families and visitors will comply with the following:

Our Service has an obligation to ensure the health and safety of employees, children and visitors in our workplace, so far as reasonably practicable. We may therefore collect information from visitors about their potential exposure to COVID-19 in order to identify, assess and control risks of infection in line with Department of Health guidelines. Information collected will only be viewed by designated staff members such as the Director and nominated Responsible Persons and will be stored securely. To comply with privacy laws, personal information will only be disclosed on a ‘need to know’ basis to the Public Health Unit to prevent and manage COVID-19 if required. (ACTU Privacy at work)

Exclusion/ Self-isolation/ Self-quarantine

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- any person visiting our Service must sign the Parent/Visitor Health Declaration confirming that they have not come into *close contact* with anyone with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 14 days
- effective 28 March 2020, **any person** entering Australia from any destination will be required to undertake 14-day quarantine at designated facilities (Australian Government)

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- any person who has been in close contact with someone who has a positive diagnosis must self-isolate for 14 days and follow the instructions of your state/territory Health department and authorised contact tracers. (see: [Quarantine for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#))
- household members of a person who has a confirmed case (including children) of COVID-19 must also be isolated from the childcare service and general public and follow instructions by Public Health
- the Public Health Unit will provide further information on a case-by-case basis as to the length and place of isolation (see: [COVID-19 self-isolation](#))
- in the event of a staff member, parent, child or visitor being diagnosed with COVID-19 the Public Health Unit will conduct contact tracing and provide further advice to our Service as required
- any person (employee, enrolled child, parent, caregiver, visitor or contractor) who is displaying symptoms such as: **fever, coughing, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath**, should be tested either by visiting a free COVID-19 respiratory clinic to arrange a test for COVID- 19 and not attend our Service **under any circumstance until they receive a negative test result.**

Implement effective hygiene measures

Our Service will ensure:

The national campaign *Help Stop The Spread and Stay Healthy*, launched by the Australian Government has emphasised that effective handwashing is a vital strategy to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds whenever you cough, sneeze or blow your nose, prepare food or eat, touch your face or use the toilet is recommended.

Our Service will adhere to National Regulation requirements and Government guidelines to ensure all educators, children, families and visitors to our preschool implement best practice.

Department of Health units in states/territories may introduce various measures to help slow the spread of coronavirus during the pandemic.

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Our Service will ensure:

- all employees, parents, children and visitors must wash their hands with soap and water or use the alcohol-based hand sanitiser provided upon arrival to the Service
- a workplace attendance register is maintained for all staff, parents, visitors at all times (including contact phone numbers) as per National Regulations
- hands must be thoroughly dried using disposal paper and disposed of in the bin provided
- disposable tissues must be used to wipe noses, eyes or mouths and disposed of in the bin provided immediately after use
- hands must be washed following the use of tissues
- hands must be washed thoroughly using soap and water before and after using the toilet
- cough and sneeze etiquette must be used- cover your cough and sneeze with your hand or elbow
- educators and staff must adhere to our *Handwashing Policy* at all times
- children are supervised when washing hands
- educators and staff must adhere to effective food preparation and food handling procedures
- educators will wash their hands or use alcohol-based sanitiser, before wearing gloves and wash their hands after wearing gloves
- educators and staff must adhere to our *Work, Health and Safety Policy* for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and equipment (such as toys, puzzles, outdoor toys, bedding, playdough etc) as per *Staying healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services* recommendations
- staff will maintain a cleaning register of all surfaces and equipment conducted
- equipment, resources and surfaces including high-touch surfaces- taps, door handles, light switches, nappy change areas, toys, keyboards and laptops/iPads will be cleaned more frequently as required using detergent and water followed by disinfectant
- Engaged cleaning contractors hygienically clean the Service to ensure risk of contamination is removed as per [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Principles for COVID-19](#) or [Cleaning and disinfecting after a confirmed case of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#)
- washroom facilities for employees have adequate supplies of soap, toilet paper and alcohol-based sanitiser
- all persons over the age of 12 use a face covering if mandated by the Public Health Unit
- Our preschool follows current information regarding directives from NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education about requirements to wear face masks in both indoor and outdoor settings.

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Social/ distancing in childcare

Social or physical distancing is important because COVID-19 is most likely spread from person-to-person through close contact with a person while they are infectious, close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes or from touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection and then touching your nose or mouth. (source: Australian Government Department of Health. Coronavirus disease)

Social or physical distancing in early childhood education and care is not feasible for educators to perform their job, however we will implement measures to minimise the risk of exposure as *reasonably practicable*.

Early Childhood Education and Care services are not subject to restrictions on how many people (adults or children) can be on the premises at one time. Our Service will encourage educators to apply physical distancing measures where possible and not gather in groups or encourage groups of parents to congregate. (SafeWork NSW, AHPPC)

To reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- if your child is sick, do not send them to our preschool
- do not visit our preschool if you or another family or household member is unwell
- sanitise your hands at regular intervals throughout the day and when entering our preschool
- avoid physical contact with other people who may be sick- such as older people and people with existing health conditions
- clean and disinfect high touch surfaces regularly (door handles, car seats, mobile phone, toys)
- promote strictest hygiene measures when preparing food at home and at our preschool

Our Service will:

- restrict the number of visitors to our Service (including: students, delivery of goods)

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- restrict the number of family members visiting our Service. When required parents may be asked not to enter the service and will be met at the gate by a staff member for drop off and collection of their child/ren.
- restrict and manage the number of family members visiting our preschool by :displaying QR code posters in various locations to avoid congregations of parents at peak times of the day (e.g., foyer, building, fence line)
- require all staff to wear face coverings when not working directly with children in areas of the service as directed by NSW Health
- reduce mixing of children where possible.
- where possible, outdoor play will be promoted within our preschool to provide children with additional personal space
- large groups will be monitored to provide flexible learning to ensure groups are smaller in both the indoor and outdoor environment
- increase ventilation within the preschool
- Space children accordingly when seating at a table when playing, resting and eating
- avoid any situation when children are required to queue- waiting their turn to use bathroom for handwashing or toileting, waiting their turn to use a piece of equipment etc.
- contact parents of children who have chronic medical conditions or immunosuppression as they may be at an increased risk of disease and require additional support/care
- As necessary, cancel all group outings to public places (excursions to local shops, schools, libraries, aged care facilities). Continue to follow directives from the Department of Education regarding excursions as this may change at any time.
- As necessary, cancel large group celebrations (For example Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, special day celebrations). Continue to follow directives from the Department of Education regarding excursions as this may change at any time.
- Continually risk assess when delivering the program and modify as required for children’s health and safety (eg grouping children in transition times and for singing etc)
- As necessary, restrict the number of family members visiting our preschool for example:
 - parents picking up and dropping off children vin the front yard
 - parents use their clean pen provided by the Service to sign in/out if using paper sign in.
 - install signage and indictors on the floor near the front entry indicating a 1.5 metre mark for parents/families to use

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- provide a separate area for families who need to complete additional paperwork such as medication forms

Suspected cases of COVID-19 at our Service

As per our *Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy* we reserve the right to refuse a child into care if they:

- are unwell and unable to participate in normal activities or require additional attention
- have had a temperature/fever, or vomiting in the last 24 hours
- have had diarrhoea in the last 48 hours
- have been given medication for a temperature prior to arriving at the Service
- have started a course of anti-biotics in the last 24 hours or
- if we have reasonable grounds to believe that a child has a contagious or infectious disease (this includes COVID-19)

If your child becomes ill whilst at the Service, educators/staff will respond to their individual symptoms of illness and provide comfort and care.

Educators will take your child's temperature. If the temperature is above 37.5°C you will be contacted immediately and required to collect your child within 30 minutes. If you are unable to collect your child, an emergency contact person will be contacted, and they must collect your child within 30 minutes.

[NSW Health recommends anyone with a temperature above 37.5°C should be tested for COVID-19 June 2020, DHHS (Vic) classifies a fever as temperature reading at or above 37.5°C]

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units
<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm>

Educators will attempt to lower your child's temperature by:

- removing excessive clothing (shoes, socks, jumpers)
- encourage your child to take small sips of water
- move your child to a quiet area where they can rest whilst being supervised

Educators will wear disposable gloves and a face mask (if available) to avoid possible contamination.

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Educators will keep accurate records of the child’s temperature, time taken, time parent/s were contacted, staff member’s name and time of collection.

All information will be recorded in our *Incident, Injury, and illness and Trauma* Record. Parents will be required to sign this record upon collection of their child.

Parents are reminded to ensure their contact details are current and emergency contact details are updated if required.

Brayside Community Preschool also reserves the right to prevent employees, parents, family members or visitors to enter our premises if the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor suspects instances of COVID-19 due to symptoms being displayed.

Notification

The Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor is mandated by law to notify the Public Health Unit or [Health Information hotline](#) on 1800 020 080 of any confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19. In addition, the Approved Provider must also notify the [Regulatory Authority](#) in their state or territory within 24 hours.

Management reserves the right to request employees to self-isolate if they suspect they have come into contact with someone who has a confirmed COVID-19 infection.

Talking to children about COVID-19

As per our *Interactions with Children, Families and Staff Policy*, our Service is committed to maintaining positive interactions and relationships with children and their families. Information provided to children about COVID-19 will be age appropriate and sensitive to their emotional wellbeing. Educators will both acknowledge children’s concerns and be open to discussions about COVID-19.

Educators will inform children about the virus and emphasise preventative measures such as handwashing, use of tissues, cough and sneeze techniques and limiting touching other children’s faces.

Posters to demonstrate correct handwashing methods will be referred to and educators will model techniques.

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Children’s emotional well-being will be closely monitored by all educators and staff and any concerns communicated with parents and families.

Staff will be supported in professional learning to help children deal with trauma related to COVID-19 through resources, webinars and online modules. (Learning Hub, Emerging Minds, be You)

Children’s questions will be respected and supported.

In the event of the Service being closed as a precaution to limit the spread of the virus, information will be provided to parents/families to help explain the situation to young children.

Recommended resources:

Dr Michelle Dickinson- Video for kids about COVID-19

<https://youtu.be/OPsY-jLqaXM>

Emerging Minds- Talking to Children about Natural Disasters, Traumatic Events or Worries About the Future

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/supporting-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

Play School- Hello Friends! (A COVID-19 Special)

<https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/play-school/covid-19/12114308>

UNICEF- [How to talk to your child about COVID-19](#)

Payment of Fees

Normally fees are payable to the Service for all enrolled children including, sick days and family holidays. However, in the incidence of pandemics such as covid-19 our preschool will endeavour to provide fee relief to families where possible depending on Government funding and initiatives.

Any changes to fees will be communicated to parents with 14 days notice as per our Fee Policy.

What happens if our Service is forced to close?

The decision to close our Service will be made, and advised, by the New South Wales government or the Regulatory Authority. This may be due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our Service community.

Should this occur, all families will be notified immediately via email and/or phone.

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The Approved Provider will notify the [Regulatory Authority](#) within 24 hours of any closure via the [NQA IT System](#)

And the Regulatory Authority for Work Health and Safety in their state/territory (Safe Work Australia) and the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) in their state or territory. In addition, Services that need to temporarily close for COVID-19 related reasons must now also report closures (and re-openings) via your third party software or the [Provider Entry Point \(PEP\)](#).

New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory: CCSAssessments-NSWACT@dese.gov.au

Our Service will receive a 'deep clean' to ensure all areas are cleaned and disinfected.

We will continue to keep families informed as to when we are expected to re-open as advised by the [Public Health Unit](#).

As childcare cannot be offered if our Service is forced to close, fees cannot be charged as per Family Assistance Law.

Children considered at risk

Where a child is enrolled and is considered 'at risk' of serious abuse or neglect, our Service will refer the child or family to the appropriate support agency in order to comply with the legislative requirements.

Staff entitlements if sick or suspected to have COVID-19

Under workplace health and safety laws, our Service must ensure the health and safety of all employees.

Confirmed COVID-19

If an educator or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, they are unable to attend the workplace and cannot return unless they have a clearance from a General Practitioner of Public Health Unit.

Full and part-time employees who cannot attend work due to illness can take paid sick leave.

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Caring for a family member or emergency

If an employee cannot attend work due to caring for a family member due to COVID-19, they are entitled to take paid carer's leave. Casual employees are eligible to have 2 days unpaid carer's leave per occasion. See **Fair Work Act** for entitlements for casual, part time and full-time employees. Reasonable evidence is required to justify the absence.

Self-isolation due to travel

As per Australian Government's new measures for COVID-19 effective 16 March 2020, any person returning from overseas must self-isolate for at least 14 days or if returning from 28 March 2020, will be mandated to isolate in designated facility. The employee is not entitled to be paid (unless they use paid leave entitlements- annual leave. Employees are not entitled to use personal sick leave as they are not 'sick'. Employers may choose to adopt an option to satisfy both parties. See: [Australian Business Lawyers and Advisors](#) for further information)

Self-Isolation Unpaid Pandemic Leave

Effective 8 April 2020, employees who are required to self-isolate by government or medical authorities or acting on advice of a medical practitioner may access unpaid [pandemic leave](#). (effective 8 April to 30 June 2020)

This leave provides employees with:

- 2 weeks of unpaid pandemic leave
- the ability to take twice as much annual leave at half their normal pay if their employer agrees.

Self-Isolation directed by Service

Where an employee is directed by the Approved Provider to stay home and self-isolate as they have shown symptoms of a flu-like illness, and the employee is not sick and able to work, our preschool will continue to pay the employee as per their contract. The employee will be requested to complete work from home negotiated with the Approved Provider.

Self-isolation as a precaution

If an employee wants to stay home as a precaution of contracting COVID-19 they may negotiate to take unpaid leave, annual leave or long service leave with Management.

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Employees who are stuck overseas or in quarantine

If an employee cannot return to Australia due to the COVID-19 virus, they must contact the Approved Provider immediately. Management will negotiate payment considering accrued annual leave, long service leave or leave without pay.

Communicating with families

Our Preschool will establish continue regular communication channels with families and share information about COVID-19 as required.

Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19 and the necessity of self-isolation for some staff members, our preschool will endeavour to inform parents and families of any staff changes on a daily basis.

Staff who have approved leave will be replaced with casual staff and families will be informed as per our usual practices to ensure continuity of care where possible.

Caring for our community

We understand that the outbreak of COVID-19 and the constant amount of information received through the media may be very stressful to young children and parents. The anxiety about this disease may be overwhelming and cause fear and anxiety to some people, especially children.

Our preschool is committed to continue to provide quality education and care to all children and support families responsibly during this unprecedented challenge with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Knowing how to look after yourself, and others is very important during this crisis.

We will promote a safe and supportive environment by:

- o reassuring children, they are safe

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- acknowledging and listening to children’s questions
- promoting and implementing hygiene routines for handwashing and cough and sneezing
- keeping regular and familiar routines within our preschool
- ensuring children eat well throughout the day
- engaging children in play, games and other physical activities
- being alert to children’s level of anxiety and provide quiet and relaxing activities
- ensuring children are provided with rest and sleep when needed
- providing information to families and support services as required

Dr Michelle Dickinson- Video for kids about COVID-19

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More information and resources

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<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/supporting-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

Child Care Centre Desktop- COVID-19 Support Module and Resources-available on our home page

[Australian Business Lawyers & Advisors](#)

[Australian Government Department of Education Skills and Employment- Coronavirus \(COV-19\) information sheet regarding periods of local emergency and absences for child care providers and services](#)

[Australian Government Department of Education Skills and Employment Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) information for early childhood education and care providers and services from 6 April 2020](#)

[Australian Government Department of Health Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) Children in early childhood and learning centres](#)

[Australian Government Department of Health Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\) Recommendations for managing of health risk as COVID-19 measures lift](#)

[Beyond Blue Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Supporting educators, children and young people](#)

[CCS Helpdesk 1300 667 276](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) frequently asked questions](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) resources Australian Government](#)

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[COVID-19 Infection control training](#)

[Emerging Minds Community Trauma Toolkit](#)

[Fairwork Australia- Coronavirus and Australian workplace laws](#)

[Healthdirect Coronavirus hub](#)

[Home Isolation Information](#)

[Information for people with a suspected case](#)

[Information for employers](#)

[Information on Social distancing](#)

[Local state and territory health departments](#)

[Raising Children](#)

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