**STICKY FISH PRE-SCHOOL**

**SICK CHILD POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**Extra amendments to policy due to Covid 19**

**Parents are asked to keep their child at home if they display any of the following symptoms:**

**Fever, continuous cough, change to or loss of taste/smell. The child will need to stay at home for 10 days. If their fever still remains after 10 days, or they are still unwell they will be asked to stay home until their fever goes and they are well enough to re attend.**

**Parents are asked to inform the manager if their child or anyone in their household displays the above symptoms. If a member of the child’s household displays any of the above symptoms the child will need to stay away from Sticky Fish for 10 days or 6 days with a negative lateral flow test on days 5 and 6.**

**If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst in Sticky Fish, and needs direct personal care until they can return home. A fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child is necessary, then disposable gloves, a disposable apron and a fluid-resistant surgical face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn**

**The rest of the Sick Child Policy still applies.**

* Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have a serious infection, and to inform the pre-school as to the nature of the infection. This will allow the pre-school to alert other parents as necessary and to make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.
* Parents are to notify Sticky Fish of any infection that their child has. It will then be at the management's discretion, as to the decision to allow the child to stay in the preschool, taking medical advice when necessary.
* Parents are asked not to bring into the pre-school any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least **48 hours** has elapsed **since the last attack.**
* If the children of pre-school staff have a serious infection, the children will not accompany their parents/carers to work in the pre-school.
* Cuts or open sores, whether on adults or children, will be covered with sticking plaster or other dressing.
* If the child is on prescribed medication, see our policy and procedure on the Administration of Medicines.
* Ofsted will be informed if it is believed that a child is suffering from a notifiable disease (See list of notifiable diseases – Health Protection Agency, attached)
* Ofsted will be notified (as soon as possible or within 14 days) of serious injury, illness, accident or death.
* Local child protection agencies will be informed of any serious accident, injury or death.

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Signed: Liz tomlinson Position: Manager