**Covid-19 Public Health Information For**

**Parent/Carer And Toddler Groups – 24/9/2020**

**How many can we allow in to the group?**

The size and circumstance of the premises will determine the maximum number of people that can be accommodated while also facilitating social distancing. It is important that the venue is reviewed to ascertain how many can access the group. It is important each adult is able to maintain the 2m distancing rule.

Exits, entrances and “pinch points” need to be considered to ensure the maintaining of distancing at all times.

Consideration of entrances and exits, arrival and departure as well as queue management will be required.

**Where can we get support with completing a risk assessment prior to re-opening?**

Support with completing a required risk assessment can be found here –

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/risk-assessment.htm>

You can also get support from these organisations in Bradford –

* Keighley, Shipley and the Worth valley – Early years alliance – alison.heseltine@eyalliance.org.uk
* Bradford – Bradford Under Fives Association – admin@bufa.org.uk

**Can we re-open groups in line with current guidance?**

Any reopening plans should be consistent with:

• core public health guidance regarding health, hygiene, and social distancing

• safe workplace guidelines, to ensure employees are safe to return to work

There are currently exceptions for groups of larger than 6 people:

* supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care, youth groups and activities, and **children’s playgroups**
* support groups - formally organised groups to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support. This includes support to victims of crime, recovering addicts, **new parents,** people with long-term illnesses, those facing issues relating to their sexuality or gender, and those who have suffered bereavement.
* Further information can be found here –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

**Should volunteers and parents wear face coverings?**

On entering a community facility users will be required to wear a face covering, and will be required to keep it on, unless covered under a ‘reasonable excuse’ if users need to eat or drink something, or if they have a health or disability reason to not wear one. Face coverings can be removed if users are undertaking exercise or an activity where it would negatively impact their ability to do so

More information can be found here –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

**Track and trace requirements**

It is vital that all those attending the group provide their contact details that are retained by the group leader for possible use by NHS track and trace.

Local guidelines have been developed to support settings (the group would be referred to as the school) where attendees become unwell and test positive to COVID, please refer to **Responding to Cases and Outbreaks of COVID-19 in School and Educational Settings: Partnership working arrangements.**

**Hygiene and cleaning requirements**

All settings need to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 by following plans laid outin rigorous risk assessments that are kept under review.Transmission can be reduced by reminding volunteers, parents/carers and children of keyPublic Health advice.

•HANDS – Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.

•FACE – Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

•SPACE – Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Groups should request hand washing or use of sanitizer on entry and exit of the venue.

There is a requirement for adherence to cleaning guidelines including meticulous cleaning all equipment between groups or 72 quarantine of equipment

More information can be found in the “When open” section here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>