**Additional Precautions – Flu pandemic**

**Cleaning and Office Staff**

* Ensure good supplies of soap, ordinary cleaning products, plastic bags for waste disposal, tissues.
* Extra cleaning to hard surfaces – door handles, taps, toilet flushes, light switches
* Thoroughly clean crèche if the room has been used to isolate a child
* Office staff to ensure good supplies of gloves, aprons and masks.

**Class staff**

* Continue to dishwash all used cups and bowls daily
* Wash ALL cups weekly
* Serve snack in individual bowls so children are not sharing from the same plate
* Clean toilet handles and taps in between groups using a room space e.g. before Owlets comes into the classroom
* Teach children about “catching their coughs / sneezes” and explain why.
* Remind children to sneeze/cough into their elbow or a tissue and then throw away and wash hands. Praise children when they do so.
* Encourage MORE hand washing
* If child is unwell phone parents and ask them to collect their child and keep them at home
* If child is very unwell eg feverish, isolate with an adult in the crèche until parents arrive. Sit one metre away from child if possible and wear an apron and a mask / gloves as necessary.
* Talk to all children in circle time about ‘Pandemics’
* Staff wear masks in communal areas.

**Own hygiene**

* Catch coughs/sneezes in tissues, dispose of tissue, wash hands well
* Wash hands frequently – at least after every session
* Avoid touching your face, nose mouth
* Stay at home if experiencing flu symptoms. Phone NHS Direct 111

**Extreme measures (if pandemic hits Cambridge or children are absent because of flu)**

* Remove soft toys from play (less easy to clean)
* Remove crayons, chalks and other items which cannot be cleaned.
* Reduce use of sensory / water play which allows germs to be transmitted via e.g. the playdough.
* Have fewer whole class activities where children are gathered in close proximity
* Ventilate rooms well, opening doors and windows, and play outside as much as possible.
* Staff to eat lunches in teams or in the garden and avoid crossovers between classrooms as far as is possible.
* Use Teams / zoom for staff meetings

**Centre closure**

* The centre will close if either we cannot maintain 1:8 ratios in the nursery or 1:5 in the Nest, or the local authority directs us to do so. We will consider using DBS checked volunteers or governors if necessary in classes.
* In a closure the critical incident list and the WhatsApp information group will be used to contact each other. Please keep the critical incident list and up to date staff phone numbers at home.
* Parents will be phoned to let them know about the closure and information will also be shared using the emergency banner on the website and via Instagram and Facebook.