7th April 2022

Sorry for the delay but following the changes on the 1st April 2022 in regards to Covid we have been reviewing our own way forward with our Covid policies and how we move forward with the new 'living with Covid' guidance.

As previously emailed we are now being signposted to the Health and Safety Agency who advise on all infectious diseases such as chickenpox, sickness, measles etc instead of government guidance for Covid. Therefore we are now following the 'Health protection in education and childcare settings' documents to guide us on our policies for 'living with Covid'.

In summary and in line with the public health advice we ask all children and staff who have symptoms of any respiratory illness (colds, Covid, flu etc.) to remain away from Prime Time until they are feeling well enough to return and do not have any temperatures. Calpol should not be given before attendance to mask a temperature.

Any child displaying symptoms of a respiratory illness and who is obviously unwell will be sent home by Prime Time staff. Staff may check children's temperatures if they believe them to be unwell.

Children who are recovering and/or displaying mild symptoms such as a slight cough, runny nose etc but are otherwise well within themselves may attend. Children with any mild symptoms will be encouraged to cover their mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to wash their hands afterwards.

If you are able to have access to LFT and it becomes known to you that your child has Covid you must inform us and you will be required as per public health guidance to remain away from the setting for 3 days after the day of the test. For any adults and our staff it is 5 days.

We are pleased to be moving forward and to be able to include Covid alongside all other infectious diseases but we would also like to appeal to you as parents to continue being considerate and kind to others. No-one knows another person's family situation and whilst many of us are happy to move forwards there are also those who are still at risk of complications from Covid and have concerns. We need to continue to work together and by ensuring if your child is knowingly unwell with respiratory symptoms or you strongly suspect they may have Covid due to being in close contact, you do keep them off until they are better.

Covid transmission is currently very high in our area and we continue at Prime Time to have concerns about our staff.  We only have a small team and so far have managed to ensure we can remain open (unlike some other places due to too many staff off with sickness). By helping to keep poorly children at home until they are better, it will help support our operations a little. We will continue with a number of preventive measures we have in place to help keep Prime Time safe for you all such as hand washing regularly and using hand sanitizers for our children and staff, good ventilation, regular cleaning, drop offs and collections from the door and mask wearing for our staff.

We hope this helps reassure parents of our safety measures alongside our sickness policies.

We know it has been a challenging time but let's hope this is the start of a much better summer for us all!!

Best wishes

The Prime Time Team