

# What's the Hubbub?

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Apologies that we haven't been in touch since the Christmas holidays. It has been a whirlwind of activity here at Hubbub since Christmas and over the February half term.

We are currently putting the final planning into place for the Easter Holidays, so will send a poster out shortly with full details of what will be happening. We are hoping to be open as normal over the holidays except for Good Friday and Easter Monday. (10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April)

Over the last Term, especially the last few weeks we have ended up having a lot of wet play. This has resulted in us making use of the hall when available and making a use of our indoor space more. We have baked and explored our new science experiments, had sensory play and team games. **The children do enjoy playing outside in all weather, so we encourage you to provide a spare change of clothes and wellies if possible to allow them to do this. -we are happy to store named items of**

**clothing in bags at club for these occasions.**

We are looking to expand our outside toys, so if you have any outdoor toys or even old scooters/helmets etc then we would be grateful for any donations that come our way to help support the children's learning and development and play whilst outdoors.

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

We should all now be aware of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus in the UK and Worldwide. At present, we are receiving daily updates from the Department of Education on the current advice and plans in regards to the prevention and containment of the virus. We will continue to monitor this closely.

The most current and continuous advice is relating to best hygiene at all times, we are encouraging the children to wash their hands as normal, but reinforcing the 20-30 second rule and teaching children to sneeze or cough into their elbows rather than onto their hands. There are disposable tissues, antibacterial gel and soaps available to use within the setting. The children are talking about the spread of Coronavirus a lot, so we are planning to support these discussions with activities surrounding the spread of germs and how we can best prevent this, we will be using educational resources to back up our learning and also using messy play activities to help the practice of how to wash our hands in the best way.



We are providing a hand gel at the entrance of the club and are asking all parents/carers to use this when entering the premises, just as a precaution at this time. We are also ensuring all our toys, equipment, tables etc. are cleaned with Milton or antibacterial cleaners in order to best prevent the spreading of germs in that manner. The club has also undergone a precautionary deep clean this weekend.

As per best practice and advice from the government and the NHS website, we are asking anyone who may have been in contact with someone from an affected country or area who may have been displaying any of the following symptoms to please phone 111 for advice.

- A dry cough
- A high temperature
- Shortness of breath

These symptoms are very similar to more common illnesses such as the common cold and the flu. The 111 Coronavirus service will advise you further based on your symptoms and situation.

The government action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Handwashing guidance: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

For children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9jelWLnEg>

We will be supplying an updated policy regarding COVID-19 and our setting alongside this newsletter.

Considering the recent COBRA meeting, we are following their guidelines and as yet are not looking to close. We will be following any new procedures they provide and will be updating you all if there any changes to our service due to local school decisions and the government advice.

**Polite request:** We have a **high-risk** staff member in regards to the contraction of not only this virus, but other viruses and illnesses. If your child has or has been in contact with any infectious illness, please let Liz know via phone or email so that we can take preventative measures to do our best to ensure the health and wellbeing of the staff member as well as all the staff and children at the club.

If you have any questions surrounding this information or would like anymore guidance on procedures at the club, please do get in touch with Liz or discuss it with her at collection.

#### Do

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

#### Don't

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean