

Re-opening Just Imagine Day Nursery – Canvey Island

COVID - 19 Code of conduct for parents and carers

Covid -19 code of conduct will clarify any rules and changes to the usual run of the nursery. Just Imagine Day Nursery – Canvey Island is determined to provide a safe and secure environment for all children, staff, parents/carers and visitors.

Until further notice, you will be required to comply with the following policy changes. We are sure that for safety of us all you will happily comply with all mentioned below.

1. Stick to 2 meters social distancing rules when speaking to members of staff or other parents/carers present
2. When dropping off/collecting your child you will not be allowed inside the nursery, to ensure 2 meters distance, please wait outside and staff member will see to you.
3. We will not be providing any spare nursery clothes for children. Therefore, we ask you to provide an adequate amount of spare clothing for your child/ren. Keep in mind that during toilet training season, water plays, and messy plays children will go through at least three sets of clothing.
4. Parents will be asked EVERY DAY - and we ask you to be patient and understanding - if your child is well and if anyone from your household has shown any of the following symptoms.
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - loss of smell and taste

As per government's guideline, you will be asked to self-isolate immediately. If that is the case, please do not bring your child in.

5. During this unfortunate time if your child shows any symptoms during their session, we will contact you immediately. Please ensure that you will be able to leave to pick your child up immediately or your emergency contact will. Your child will be accompanied by a paediatric first aider in an isolation room. Practitioner will be wearing adequate PPE.
6. We ask you not to bring in any toys from home to the nursery. If your child brings any toy, backpacks, comforters with them, you will have to leave with it. We will not be keeping it in their boxes or on their pegs.
7. If you bring your child in a buggy/pram/pushchair, you are welcome to park it in designated area. However, please close it to allow free space for other parents to collect theirs.
8. We appreciate your 'thank you' chocolates, little presents, cakes, etc. However, we ask you to stop bringing any into the nursery for the time being. This applies to children's birthday cakes and party bags also.

9. Summer concert/graduation concert is cancelled this year. We are extremely sorry to not be able to give our children the goodbyes they deserve. However, to comply with social distancing and gathering restrictions we decided to cancel it this year. We will keep you updated about the Christmas party and Christmas visit to the care home.
10. Nursery's curriculum had to be adjusted to follow government's guidelines. Therefore, we will not be using liquid based malleable activities, like jelly, foam, cornflour, etc. We will be replacing it with dry based resources, like sand, cereals, flour etc. Also, large group activities will be suspended. Any soft toys, dressing up, cushions etc. will be put away for the time being during the pandemic.
11. We will be unable to stick to social distancing between staff members and parents during baby room's handover. Therefore, we ask parents to come to drop off/ collect their babies with face coverage or face masks.
12. Practitioners will be giving out basic feedback to ensure that all parents are being seen to limit any overcrowding. If you find the feedback too basic, please do not hesitate to contact us over the phone the next day. Practitioners will be more than happy to run you through the details of your child's day.
13. We had to make a difficult decision to cancel Parents' evening until further notice. We hope to organise it for December/January as per usual. However, that will be conditional.
14. Any visitors, outside contractors, newly settling parents will be asked to make use of our Hygiene station and wear PPE whilst on the premises. (apron, gloves, face mask and shoes coverage)
15. Please note that we will discourage staff members from any unnecessary contact, which includes polite handshakes.
16. Please note that we will not be administering any emergency Calpol to your children. Ensure that there is an emergency contact close by to collect your child if necessary. (see note 4)
17. Only one person must drop off/collect their child.
18. Since you will not be allowed into the building, you may find it difficult to discuss any matters with myself, the Nursery manager, please know that I will make every effort to meet you conveniently outside or over a phone call, email or zoom meeting. If, however, you have any severe matter that requires my immediate attention, you will be allowed in with full PPE gear as found at the hygiene station.
19. If your child attends more than one nursery or childminder you will be asked to choose only one setting to enable their 'bubble' to be kept as small as possible to prevent the spread of the virus between settings.
20. Parents/carers and children who are extremely vulnerable should remain shielding at home and not return to nursery until further government notice advises.
21. We will be outside most of the time regardless of the weather so please dress your child appropriately. If it is sunny please apply sun cream to their skin at home before you bring them in. Please bring in **sun cream** with your child's name on and labelled **sun hat** that **will always be kept in the nursery**.
22. Catch it, Kill it, Bin it, wash your hands will remain our policy- please continue this at home.