

CO-RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILIES OF THE ENROLLED CHILDREN

Organisational, hygienic measures and individual behaviours to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection

The period of closure of childhood services determined by the Covid-19 emergency, represented a time of great effort for parents, but especially for children. In this particular developmental age the dimension of sociability and the consolidation of meaningful relationships inside and outside the children's families highlights the need to a prompt reopening of service activities in the context of a qualified social and educational relationship. Everything will be done according to the rules which aim at preventing and reducing the risk of contagion in accordance with the characteristics and peculiarities of this age range with particular attention to the developmental and harmonious growth.

Everyone's task is to ensure that the guarantee of safety and health conditions for the whole population does not affect, without a justified reason, the equally necessary research and implementation of conditions of ordinary well-being for children that are closely linked to the fundamental rights such as the right to education, to play and to social interactions among peers.

The current context has changed since the beginning of the pandemic emergency and the consequent reflections lead to act in order to return to a normal life. In this perspective, the function of pre- and nursery schools emerges clearly as a factor of general growth and a support facility for the family in the parenting management as well as a measure of familiar reconciliation promoting the access and remaining of women in the professional world.

In this dynamic situation all those involved in the educational process are required to pay a constant attention to the reality and its concrete and daily unfolding. In the modified epidemiological context they have to identify organisational methodologies that make the system a whole sustainable one. The sharing of decisions among the parties involved in the organisational and managerial aspects of the services is extremely important for the effectiveness of the interventions.

In order to an appropriate reopening of the services, it is essential to build a path involving parents through a co-responsibility agreement which aims at reducing the risk and identifies guidelines and proposals for an overall increase of services taking into consideration the right to sociability, to play and in general to the education of boys and girls as well as the need to guarantee conditions for protecting their health, that of their families and the educational and auxiliary staff involved in carrying out the various activities and tasks.

IN PARTICULAR, THE SCHOOL MANAGER DECLARES:

- to have provided parents (or holder of the parental responsibility) with prompt information according to all organisational and sanitary devices and arrangements adopted to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 contagion and to undertake, during the period of attendance of the service, to communicate any changes or additions to the provisions;
- to encourage the participation of the children's families in the implementation of information, training initiatives with particular regard to the explanation of risk management models of COVID-19 infection;
- to make use for the realization of the service of personnel adequately trained on hygienic sanitary procedures to contrast the spread of the infection. The staff undertakes to observe scrupulously all health and hygienic requirements and to go to work only in absence of any symptoms referable to COVID-19;
- to undertake to implement the procedures required for entering the school and to adopt all the health and hygienic requirements provided for by the current legislation;
- to comply strictly, in case of a proven COVID -19 infection by an enrolled child or an adult attending the service, with all provisions of the competent health authority.

IN PARTICULAR, THE PARENT (OR HOLDER OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) DECLARES:

- to be aware of the contagion containment measures in force at the present date;
- that his/her child, or other person in the same family unit, is not positive COVID -19 or has been verified positive COVID-19 and declared cured after two negative swabs;
- to undertake to keep his/her child at home in case of fever above 37.5°C or other symptoms and to inform promptly his/her paediatrician and the school managers;
- to have been adequately informed by the service managers of all organisational and sanitary provisions for safety and for the containment of the risk of spreading the COVID-19 infection and in particular of the provisions for accessing and leaving the school service;
- to be required to inform immediately the service operator about the current health conditions of his/her child at the entrance, in particular stating if he/she has had any symptoms such as fever, difficulty breathing or conjunctivitis.