

# Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

## Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.



### Policy statement

As described in the government guidance, [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) (updated 2 July 2020):

*'Settings are also responsible for planning and implementing appropriate protective measures to reduce coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. Section 3 of this guidance sets out the public health advice which early years settings must follow. It also includes the process that should be followed if anyone develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while attending. This guidance has been developed with advice from Public Health England (PHE).*

*'These measures make up a 'system of controls', described in section 3, building on the hierarchy of protective measures that have been in use throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We are keeping the protective measures under review, in line with the latest scientific advice.'*\*

*The guidance should be regularly referred to for updates and further information.*

*The system of controls provides a set of principles and if we follow this advice, they will effectively minimise risks. All elements of the system of controls are essential. We must cover them all. Where something is essential for public health reasons, as advised by PHE, it will state "must". Where there is a legal requirement, it will be made clear.'*

### **'System of controls'**

*This is the set of actions early years settings must take. They are outlined in more detail below.*

### **Prevention:**

*1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend settings*

*2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual*

*3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*  
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4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach

5) minimise contact between groups where possible

6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all settings, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered, and settings must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in all specific circumstances.

***Managing a suspected case of Coronavirus- If a child becomes unwell:***

- All staff are aware of this procedure and their responsibility if a child becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms at the setting.
- If a child is displaying any of the symptoms of coronavirus. The manager/deputy calls their parents to collect them immediately. Current guidance states that: *'If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal'.*
- We will maintain contact with the parent(s) of the child who was sent home, and ensure they know that their child is entitled to a test and encourage them to get their child tested. To access testing parents should use the [111 online coronavirus service](#).
- We will ask the parent(s) to let us know the outcome as soon as possible.
- If the test result is positive, we will inform all other parents that a child has tested positive and remind them to be aware of the symptoms to look out for.
- We will inform our local authority if a child, or staff member in the setting tests positive for coronavirus.
- We will also inform Ofsted as coronavirus is now classified as a Notifiable Disease.

## Local outbreak of COVID-19

In the event of a local outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the government will take action to control the spread of the virus. Any providers who are affected by a local outbreak will receive specific government guidance for their area.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-lockdowns-guidance-for-education-and-childcare-settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-lockdowns-guidance-for-education-and-childcare-settings)

## PLEASE REFER TO THE COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT (AND UPDATES) FOR FURTHER DETAILS



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## Authorisation & Review

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Wroughton Preschool
Held on	
Date to be reviewed	Yearly at AGM

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Signed on behalf of the management  
committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

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