

LAs COVID - 19 Update

Spring term 2 2020

COVID-19 updated information for educational settings.

Public Health England (PHE) updated their published guidance for educational settings, and this includes childcare settings like Little Acorns. At present, the advice is that where there is a **suspected** case, no restrictions or special measures are needed unless lab tests are positive. If this becomes a **confirmed** case at the setting PHE will contact us to carry out a risk assessment and advise us of any actions or precautions that need to be taken. As this is a family home, if there is a **confirmed** case, then the 14 day 'self isolation' **will** require us to close. We will in the meantime follow clear advice about good hand hygiene, and good respiratory hygiene, when it comes to coughs and colds. We urge you to be cautious and, as everyone is being super vigilant, if your children are unwell, we will encourage you to keep them at home. Below are the options we have considered.

If we are in contact with a suspected case...

If we are in contact with a suspected case we will not need to impose a 14 day self isolation immediately.

When a suspected case occurs *that* case will self isolate and will only be tested for the virus if they become ill during that period.

During this time we will remain open as usual. If that case becomes a confirmed case, then we will follow the below protocol.

If children are in contact with a confirmed case...

By 'children' we include their immediate family and care givers.

If 'children' are in contact with a confirmed case

You..

- Will inform us immediately
- Will self isolate for 14 days
- Will not attend the setting

We..

- Will not close unless you become a confirmed case during this time.

If we are in contact with a confirmed case...

If we are in contact with a confirmed case, we will self isolate for 14 days and we will close.

If we become ill during that time we will follow the PHE advice and ring 111 for advice, or 999 if we are particularly unwell.

If during that period we are not ill, then we will deep clean and re open.

If anyone becomes unwell while here...

Child:

We will isolate that child in another room. All parents will be contacted for an early pick up.

Our family will follow the 14 day isolation protocol and will phone 111 for advice, or 999 if very ill.

Adult:

The adult will be isolated and parents will be contacted for an early pick up. The setting may have to close due to child: adult ratios. A 14 day self isolation period will follow, and a 111 call for advice or 999 if very ill. Following the outcome of any virus testing, if the case is 'negative', then following deep cleaning the setting will re-open.

If the case is 'positive', advice will be given re closure.

Requesting information...

We ask that you inform us if you or any of your family have travelled to the category 1 countries, and we will treat any medical information confidentially. Please let us know if you, any of your family, or those you are in contact with, become ill. We really need to work together to keep all of our children, ourselves and extended family safe.

Remember: Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds.