

COVID-19

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

'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.'

Therefore, Longham Pre-School can either choose to update our policies in line with the 'systems of controls', or use them as a separate procedure, as provided here.

'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) Where recommend, the use of face coverings*
- 3) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual*
- 4) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- 5) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach*
- 6) minimise contact between groups of children where possible*
- 7) where necessary, (intimate care & a child showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)*
- 8) keep spaces well ventilated*

Response to any infection:

- 9) engage with the NHS Track and Trace process*
- 10) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the setting community*
- 11) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice*
- 12) notify Ofsted*

Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 must be in place in all settings all the time.

Numbers 2 and 6 must be properly considered, and settings must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 7 applies in all specific circumstances.

Numbers 8-12 must be followed in every case where they are relevant

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. As has occurred in Leicester, people in the affected area may be asked to stay at home as much as they can and not travel unless essential. Any providers who are affected by a local outbreak will receive specific guidance for their area. We will follow the guidance www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-lockdowns-guidance-for-education-and-childcare-settings.

Further guidance on COVID-19 related matters, can be found at

www.evalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-early-years.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings> last updated 1st June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/885631/Overview_of_scientific_advice_and_information_on_coronavirus_COVID19.pdf

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> last updated 8th July 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020?fbclid=IwAR0trIQn4R4Q8Xfyg-62NMfqrDCvxkMSv0nIBpJJXrkM8EY0F2_7GOZehow last updated 16th June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings> last updated 15th May 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses/guidance-for-food-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19>

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) updated 26th Nov 2020

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