

Little Acorns Day Nursery COVID 19 Operational Guidance

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Statement: At Little Acorns Day Nursery we are committed to safe working practices for all our staff, children and their families. We have outlined our plan to help keep all persons as reasonably safe as possible following the government guidelines. Our plan will adapt and evolve as we move through the government's response. .

1 Health and safety

1.1 Cleaning

Staff will maintain the cleanliness of the rooms. All toys will be cleaned on a regular basis and deep cleaned during the holidays. The housekeeper will maintain all communal areas and bathrooms.

1.2 Personal Hygiene

For staff, children and their families we expect everyone to maintain good personal hygiene.

1.3 Change of uniform

Staff should wear clean uniform daily. Staff should keep a change of uniform in their lockers.

13.a All staff belongings must be kept in their lockers.

1.4 Supplies

The setting will provide all the necessary cleaning equipment needed to make sure the setting is able to cope with the demand of the level of cleaning required. The nursery can source products from several retailers.

1.5 Handwashing

All staff and children will be expected to wash their hands-on arrival and as usual after toileting and before and after each meal. We will now expect all staff and children to wash their hands on a more regular basis throughout the day to help keep the risk of infection down.

Hand sanitisers are located at every door for adults to sanitise before entering any room.

1.6 a Children activities

All activities will be offered to all children. Activities are risk assessed and any hazards will be reduced.

1.6 b Clothes

Children should be sent in clean appropriate clothes. All children should have spare clothes sent with them in case they need changing at nursery.

1.7 PPE (Personal protective equipment)

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Staff will wear PPE as usual for mealtimes and nappy changing times.

1.7 b 1Face masks

In England, face coverings are no longer required by law. In education and childcare settings, face coverings are not advised for pupils, staff, or visitors.

Should we have an outbreak face coverings may be reintroduced as part of our outbreak plan for a limited time.

Early years children should not be advised to wear face coverings and should not be denied education for not wearing one.

1.8 All laundry will be washed in line with NHS guidelines.

1.9 All tissues will be disposed of immediately and bins emptied daily.

1.10 A Window will be kept open to ensure ventilation in all rooms.

2 Contact

2.1 Visitors

The setting is accepting visitors. All visitors are asked not to attend should they feel unwell.

2.2 Drop off/collection

2.2 a Drop off/collection will be carried out as normal. Parents will collect their children from the child's room. Parents will be asked to sanitise their hands before entering the room.

2.2 b We ask parents to not come to the nursery if they are unwell.

2.3 Temperatures

2.3 a Should a child have a temperature they will be given Calpol. If the temperature is over 39°C they will be sent home. Parents are advised to test their child with a LFT.

3 Testing positive

3.1. Should a person test positive for COVID 19 then they must follow the guidance set out by the government at that time.

4 Operation

4.1 Opening hours are as normal unless we need to use our contingency plan for outbreaks.

4.2 Our website and Ourschoolsapp will be used to display lots of information about the setting and our response to the COVID 19 pandemic. We ask for parents to download our app and to check our website for further information.

This policy will be updated as and when needed. It will be issued on our website and parents will be notified that there is an update through the nursery Facebook page and Ourschoolsapp.

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