

Policy

Essential Policy & Procedure Covid-19 Pandemic Early Years Foundation Stage

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

Providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children.

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Early Years Foundation Stage

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

As an Early Years provider GSC acknowledges responsibility for planning and implementing appropriate protective measures to reduce coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission

This policy has been developed following Public Health England (PHE) advice. It also includes guidance if anyone attending the setting develops the virus.

Building on the hierarchy of protective measures (which form the basis of a 'system of controls') that have been in use throughout the pandemic GSC have adapted risk assessments based on these:

System of Control

These actions for our settings 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*
- 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. Staff split groups in a variety of ways to comply*
- 6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)*

Response to any infection:

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

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. For providers in Leicester, guidance can be found at 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.eyalliance.org.uk/coronavirus-early-years.

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