

COVID-19 Infection Control

EYFS: 3.44, 3.45, 3.46

At **Little Oaks Nursery, Acomb CIO** we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. We will follow the Health protection in schools, childcare facilities guidance and Public Health England's latest advice with regard to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) infection.

Viruses can be easily passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

We follow the Government and Public Health England guidance and advice to prevent the virus or infection from moving around the nursery. Below are some of the procedures we are using for COVID-19, for the full set of procedures please see both Covid-19 Risk Assessments.

Our staff will:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Wash or clean all equipment used by the children as and when needed including when the children have placed it in their mouth
- Immediately clean cups and beakers after use and sterilise all cups daily.

In addition:

- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and who have travelled to countries or areas where the infection is or where they may have come into contact with the illness. As this may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are maintained at all times.

This policy is a working document as the situation is changing daily. I will attach the latest information I receive to this policy and the advice within will be followed. The latest Government information will be emailed to parents as and when it is updated for them to follow also.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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