



Acorn Playgroup and Pre-School

RESPIRATORY INFECTION, INCLUDING COVID-19, RISK ASSESSMENT

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What activity or situation might cause a transmission of respiratory infection, including COVID-19, into the setting?	Who may be at risk?	How likely is it that someone can be exposed? Low, Medium or High Risk?	Controls to be put in place to mitigate the risk	Level of risk with controls in place? Low, Medium or High Risk?	When should Controls be used?	Review Is this working? Do we need to Modify our controls?
Possible transmission of respiratory infections including Covid- 19 into the setting by individuals	Everyone	High	<p>With the publication of the 'Living with Covid Plan', the government has ended legal restrictions in England and is instead asking the public to practice specific safe and responsible behaviours as the primary means of stopping the spread of the virus.</p> <p>Under government guidance, children under 18 are no longer required to self-isolate following contact with a positive Covid case.</p> <p>In this new landscape of living with Covid-19; flu and respiratory infections, we will continue to be vigilant in monitoring any illness within children; parents; carers and members of staff, being mindful of the following list of symptoms that have now been included in the national guidance:</p> <p>Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · continuous cough · high temperature, fever or chills · loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell · shortness of breath · unexplained tiredness, lack of energy · muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise · not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry · headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual 	Medium	At all times	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · sore throat, stuffy or runny nose · diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick. <p>If you suspect your child is unwell</p> <p>We ask that you keep your child away from the setting if they are unwell or feeling poorly.</p> <p>Where your child has a high temperature, the advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with others where possible.</p> <p>Children can return to Acorn when they are well enough and their temperature has returned to normal</p> <p>Testing is no longer recommended. Where a child does test positive, they should remain at home for 3 days and Acorn Playgroup and Pre-school notified immediately</p> <p>STAFF</p> <p>Where a member of Acorn Playgroup and Pre-school’s staff tests positive for Covid-19 they will remain away from the setting for 5 days from the date of the positive test.</p> <p>Where a member of staff cannot access a test but has symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as Covid-19, and they have a high temperature or do not feel well, they will stay at home until they have a normal temperature and are no longer feeling unwell.</p>			
<p>Contact within a large group of children and adults – increased possibility of transmission of a respiratory infection including COVID-19</p>	<p>Children and staff</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Windows will be kept open to regularly aid ventilation.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to be outside in the garden to maximise access to fresh air and therefore reduce the possibility of transmission.</p> <p>All equipment and toys are cleaned in strict rotation.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>At all times</p>	

Re-use of tables and chairs during the session	Staff	Medium	Tables and chairs to be wiped after use with disinfectant, paying close attention to frequently touched areas ie sides of tables, backs of chairs etc	Low	At all times	
Coughing and sneezing	Children, parents/carers and staff	High	<p>Staff and parents to teach children about the "catch it and bin it" system to reduce transmission:-</p> <p>Children to be encouraged to cover their mouth if they cough, preferably with a tissue, and then immediately wash their hands – min 20 seconds. Tissues must be disposed of immediately.</p> <p>Children to be encouraged to cover their mouth, preferably with a tissue, or their hands when they sneeze. They must immediately wash their hands.</p> <p>Surfaces that have been contaminated will be cleaned.</p> <p>Clothing may need to be changed or cleaned.</p>	Medium	At all times	
Children 'mouthing' toys	Children and staff	High	Toys/equipment to be removed immediately and sterilised.	Low	At all times	
Materials that may aid transmission	Children and staff	High	All books, mats and all equipment will be cleaned frequently. A weekly cleaning rota of equipment and resources is in place. At the end of each term the setting equipment and furniture will be thoroughly cleaned using standard cleaning solutions and/or steam cleaning.	Low	At all times	
Play equipment and resources	Children and staff	High	<p>A regular cleaning cycle of toys and equipment is in place. Checklist in place.</p> <p>Regularly touched surfaces on outdoor wooden permanent play equipment will be disinfected at the beginning of each session. Checklist in place.</p>	Low	At all times	
Child with medical conditions	Child	High	Manager responsible for Health Care or child's Key Worker will discuss with parents the medical needs of their child	Medium	Before children return to Acorn	

Children's Health Care Plans	Child	High	Manager responsible for Health Care or the child's Key Worker will talk to parents about the child returning and implications of transmission of respiratory infections, including Covid 19, on their health.	Medium	Before children return to Acorn	
Staff Health Care Plans	Staff	High	Manager will talk to member of staff about implications of transmission of respiratory infections, including Covid-19, on their health.	Medium	Before staff return to Acorn	
Parents do not understand the rules and controls in place at the setting and their responsibilities within them.	Parents	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parents have been emailed a copy of our current Respiratory Infections, Including Covid-19 Risk Assessment. A current copy of the setting's Respiratory Infections, Including Covid-19, Risk Assessment is available on our website www.acornwelwyn.com (<i>Parent Information, Covid-19 Risk Assessment</i>). Parents should always refer to our Respiratory Infections, Including Covid-19, Risk Assessment to understand their responsibilities in mitigating the risk of possible transmission into the setting. Parents should ensure that they read all emails from the setting as they may include important Respiratory Infections, Including Covid-19, updates or changes. Parents can always liaise with staff via telephone, email or in person if they need clarification about the controls put in place by the setting. 	Medium	At all times	