

# Coronavirus Procedure

The current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, which began in December 2019, presents a significant challenge for the entire world

## **What we know about the virus and the diseases it causes**

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses common across the world in animals and humans. Certain types cause illnesses in people.

COVID-19 is the illness seen in people infected with a new strain of coronavirus not previously seen in humans.

As it is a new virus, the lack of immunity in the population (and the absence as yet of an effective vaccine) means that COVID-19 has the potential to spread extensively.

The majority of people with COVID-19 have recovered without the need for any specific treatment, as is the case for the common cold or seasonal flu. The majority of cases will best be managed at home, again as with seasonal colds and flu. If any staff or children show any signs including dry cough and/or high temperature, no taste/smell, Diarrhoea, vomiting and abdominal cramps they will be asked to go home (families will be contacted for children) and self-isolate for the recommended amount of days.

## **Planning principles for Chandlers Chatters:**

In preparing for, and responding to, a serious disease outbreak, Chandlers Chatters supporting aim to:

- Put a risk assessment in place linked to every area within the setting
- minimise the potential health impact by slowing spread in the setting.
- minimise the potential impact at playgroup.
- ensure that Chandlers Chatters Playgroup are responsible for tackling the outbreak are properly resourced to do so, that they have the people, equipment and medicines they need, when running projects within this period.

## **RCS' response to the current coronavirus outbreak**

### **Current planning**

For the latest information on the current situation please refer to [www. GOV.UK](http://www.GOV.UK) or DFE website for daily updates. HES website also gives daily updates relevant to Early Years Providers

### **Actions to date:**

Public health advice has been widely publicised and is regularly updated. See [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): latest information and advice](#).

The Department for Education (DfE) provides [advice about educational settings in England](#). A DfE helpline is being set up to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers and from parents of pupils.

Information we are giving out at the Nursery and RCS projects (Childcare provision)

The role the public can play in supporting this response Everyone can help support the UK's response by:

- following public health authorities' advice, for example on hand washing
- reducing the impact and spread of misinformation by relying on information from trusted sources, such as that on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), [www.publichealth.hscni.net](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net), and [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- checking and following the latest travel advice when travelling and planning to travel
- ensuring you and your family's vaccinations are up to date as this will help reduce the pressure on the NHS/HSCNI through reducing vaccine-preventable diseases
- checking on elderly or vulnerable family, friends and neighbours
- using NHS 111 (including online, where possible), pharmacies and GPs responsibly, and go to the hospital only when you really need to. This is further explained on the NHS website:
- being understanding of the pressures the health and social care systems may be under, and receptive to changes that may be needed to the provision of care to you and your family.
- accepting that the advice for managing COVID-19 for most people will be self-isolation at home and simple over-the-counter medicines
- checking for new advice as the situation changes

As and when the government are discovering more about the disease and what, if any, impact its course has on the UK, we will update our procedure and update on how our plans are being adapted to respond to specific, changing circumstances.

Measures in place for children and team within Chandlers Chatters Playgroup:

- All staff have read and signed the coronavirus risk assessment.
- All parents have signed to say they have read our Policies/Procedures and Risk Assessment
- All staff have update safeguarding training including completing Child Protection Company 'Safeguarding during COVID-19' training course.
- All staff know the DSL on site and who to contact if they have any safeguarding concerns.
- All staff to keep up to date with information from the government and change procedures when needed.

Social distances measures put in place through Chandlers Chatters Playgroup:

- Masks must be worn when working with the food.
- The phones/computer must be wiped clean with anti bac cleaner mornings and evenings linked with Daily risk assessment checks.
- 2m metre distances must be obtained with RCS (measures are different within the nursery with young children)
- PPE must be worn when changing nappies

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