



Acorns Community Preschool

Parent Agreement – Coronavirus

Dated: September 2020

If a child has coronavirus symptoms, or there is someone in their household, they should not attend the setting under any circumstances. All children attending the setting, and members of their household, will need to be tested if they display symptoms of coronavirus. Please see the Government Document – **Gov.UK - Coronavirus - Covid-19 - getting tested – 12 August 2020**

Access to setting – Entrance and exit to the setting will be at the main Gate. Specific 2 meter areas will be indicated near the entrance. Parent need to wait at the indicated points until called by a member of staff. No parents will be allowed to enter into the preschool setting.

When children enter the setting they will be registered and their temperature taken and recorded.

We are trying to limit cross contamination from home:

- Children will not be able to bring toys or other items from home into the setting.
- At present books we are unable to send books home, so no book bags.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to be left at preschool
- Please supply a stock of nappies and wipes in a named bag.

Staggered Start / Finish Times – To reduce the number of parents waiting with their children at any one time, we will monitor start/finish times to ensure numbers are staggered. It is importance that parents arrive promptly and wait at the indicated points until called by a member of staff.

Shared care - *Parents and carers should be encouraged to limit the number of setting their child attends, ideally ensuring their child only attends the same setting consistently.* **Gov.UK - Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak (27 July 2020)**

Hygiene - *Coronavirus is an easy virus to kill when it is on the skin. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser.* **Gov.UK – Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak - 27 July 2020**

Staff and Children will wash their hands regularly with soap for 20 seconds including on arrival, after using the toilet, before and after eating, and after coughing or sneezing

- Staff will have hand sanitiser available at points within the setting.
- Children will be encouraged to cough or sneeze into a tissue and bin it.
- Children will be encouraged to not touch their mouths, eyes and nose
- Long hair should be tied back.

Health/ Sickness – We will continue to follow our Health and Safety Policy and the NHS Guidelines - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Children will not be able to attend preschool should they have two or more of the main symptoms.

- **a high temperature** –feel hot to touch on the chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has a temperature, have been ill and/or needs calpol, they will not be allowed to attend preschool. Should your child become ill or develop a temperature during the day parents will need to be available to collect their child as soon as possible.

*PHE has confirmed that if a child has any symptoms then they must self-isolate. Even if you or a parent believes the symptoms to be as a result of teething etc, the child cannot return to the setting until there has been a negative test. **HCC Local Recovery Guidance for Early Years and Childcare – 5 August 2020***

NHS Test and Trace

Parents/carers will need to:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Children must not come into the setting if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in the setting. All children can be tested, including children under 5.
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms

The NHS Test and Trace process is outlined in **Gov UK - Coronavirus (COVID 19): getting tested**.

Tests can be booked online through the NHS website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to internet

Parents/carers and staff are to inform us immediately of the results of the test:

- if someone tests **negative**, and they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can also stop self-isolating
- if someone tests **positive**, they should follow *Gov.UK - COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection* and should continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to the setting only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

This Guidance is based on documents:

- **HCC Local Recovery Guidance for Early Years and Childcare – 5 August 2020**
- **Gov.UK – Actions for Early Years and Childcare providers during Coronavirus (Covid 19) outbreak – 27 July 2020**
- **GovUK - Coronavirus -Covid-19- getting tested – 12 August 2020**
- **Gov UK - Implementing Protective Measures in Education and Childcare Settings – 1 June 2020**
- **Gov.UK - COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection**
- **NHS Guidelines - Coronavirus in Children - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>**

Please complete and sign below

I have read the Acorns Parents Agreement – Coronavirus and agree to these standards.

Child's Name: _____

Name / Signature: _____

Date: _____