



Chipmunks Day Nursery



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Dear Parents/Carers and staff,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 05.03.2020

As cases of the coronavirus are increasing, we want to reassure you that we are following all the latest Government and NHS guidelines so that we are abreast of updates at all times. The wellbeing of our children, families and staff is our highest priority and we all need to be sensible and avoid risk. We would also like to reassure you that, if the outbreak becomes a significant issue in England, we have procedures in place to be able to manage it.

So far, there have been no cases of Coronavirus in either the Weymouth or Dorchester Nursery. However, we are enhancing our cleaning regimes appropriately, in accordance with government guidance. There will be increased advice and guidance given to staff on hygiene control. In particular increased sterilizing, hand washing and the use of anti-bacterial gels.

The official guidance for any Staff member, Child or parent who has returned from a Coronavirus hotspot, known as a 'Category One' area, since 19th February is that they should call NHS 111 to inform them of their recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if they do not have symptoms. These countries currently are: ●Wuhan City and Hubei Province (China) ●Iran ●Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea) ●Any Italian town under containment measures

You do not need to undertake any special measures if you have visited the following countries in the last 14 days, however if you develop the symptoms you should self-isolate and call the NHS on 111:

- Cambodia ●China* (except for areas of the country specifically referred to above) ●Hong Kong ●Italy: north* (except for specific towns under containment measures, as mentioned above) ●Japan ●Laos ●Macau ●Malaysia
- Myanmar ●Republic of Korea* (except for areas of the country specifically referred to above) ●Singapore
- Taiwan ●Thailand ●Vietnam

The key message is that we do not want to take risks but also need to be sensible so that the Staff, Children and Parents are not unnecessarily compromised. This advice may be subject to change, depending on developments. Our action plan at present for the Nurseries are to follow the guidance from public health England.

An outbreak such as this obviously has the potential to cause alarm, but does need to be kept in perspective. We hope that the measures outlined in this letter will help to reassure you that our Nurseries are following official guidance and managing the situation professionally and appropriately.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Becci Firth & Carolyn Green'.

Becci Firth & Carolyn Green

Nursery manager Weymouth & Dorchester