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Covid-19 Policy Updates – Step 4 – from 19th July 2021 (Reviewed 16th August 2021)

This policy updates in line with the English government restriction and lockdown easing. Little Beans complies with health and safety law and have put in place proportionate control measures. Little Beans regularly review and update risk assessments - treating them as 'living documents', as the circumstances in the setting and the public health advice changes. This includes having active arrangements in place to monitor whether the controls are effective and working as planned.

Responsibilities of Early Years Providers:

The responsibilities of early years providers have not changed, and we continue to use the early years statutory framework to ensure the best possible outcomes for children in our care.

- Safeguarding - local agencies, services and settings should work together to actively look for signs of harm given the greater risk of harm that some children may have been exposed to through COVID-19.
- Supporting children's learning, development, and wellbeing - continue to follow the early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework.
- Supporting vulnerable children.
- When caring for children over the age of 5, Little Beans will also follow guidance on protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outbreak Management

Little Beans follow local and national advice with regards to managing outbreaks of coronavirus within the setting, local area and in England.

Cluster criteria

Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals with illness onset dates within a 14-day period.

(In the absence of detailed information about the type of contact between the cases).

End of cluster

No test-confirmed cases with illness onset dates in the last 14 days.

Outbreak criteria

Two or more test-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among individuals with illness onset dates within 14 days, and one of:

- identified direct exposure between at least 2 of the test-confirmed cases in that setting (for example under one metre face to face, or spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres) during the infectious period of one of the cases



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- when there is no sustained local community transmission - absence of an alternative source of infection outside the setting for the initially identified cases

End of outbreak

No test-confirmed cases with illness onset dates in the last 28 days in that setting.

Note: The threshold for the end of an outbreak is higher than the end of a cluster.

In the event of a cluster or an outbreak, Little Beans will step up measures accordingly. These include but are not limited to:

- Children remaining in bubbles and reducing contact with other bubbles and/or staff from other bubbles,
- Staff will remain within their designated bubbles,
- Outings and visits to the setting will be postponed,
- Staff will wear face coverings at all times when a 2 metre distance cannot be observed.
- Children and bubbles who are isolating are receiving regular activities and updates via Tapestry, maintaining effective communication within the family,
- Attendance may be limited to children and those identified as vulnerable, in need, children of critical workers or children with SEN will be prioritised to have a space.

If Little Beans has several confirmed cases within 14 days and may have an outbreak, Little Beans will liaise with Public Health England and BCP Council and act on any additional advice.

If Little Beans have to temporarily stop onsite provision on public health advice, Little Beans would discuss alternative arrangements for vulnerable children and young people with the local authority.

Travel

All children and staff travelling to England must adhere to travel legislation, details of which are set out in red, amber, and green list rules for entering England.

Parents and carers should bear in mind the impact on their child's learning and development which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.

Staff should consider the possibility of ever-changing rules with regards to travel, and the possibility of isolation on return when booking holidays.

Tracing Contacts

Little Beans will continue to do contact tracing up to Step 4.



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From Step 4 (19th July 2021), close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from Little Beans will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. Little Beans may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Little Beans encourages all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who can evidence they have had 2 vaccines (following guidelines) may not be required to self-isolate. If staff have only had one vaccine, they must self-isolate if they receive a positive covid result.

Face Coverings

Little Beans staff will be expected to continue to wear face masks when a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. This is the case for all staff, unless they are medically exempt. Visitors to the setting will also be advised to wear facemasks.

Child with Symptoms whilst in Attendance of Little Beans

If a child begins displaying symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at Little Beans, staff will isolate the child and closely monitor. If the child continues to display symptoms, parents and/or carers will be contacted for collection and the child will require a negative PCR test or full completion of 10-day isolation before returning to Little Beans. If a child is awaiting collection, appropriate PPE should be used if close contact is necessary. Any rooms or areas they use will be cleaned after they have left the site.

Little Beans will take the difficult decision to refuse a child's attendance if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 and have not completed isolation/produced a negative test result. This is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection.

Lateral Flow Testing

Little Beans staff have been given the option to 'opt in or opt out' of home testing. Staff who have opted in are undertaking twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed. Early years children are not included in the rapid testing programme. PHE has advised there are limited public health benefits attached to testing early years children with rapid lateral flow tests. Young children may find the rapid lateral flow testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

Confirmatory PCR tests

Staff and children of Little Beans with a positive rapid lateral flow test result should self-isolate in line with the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test

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