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Coronavirus has now been declared a public health emergency of international concern and has spread to numerous countries around the World.

As a global company, with a presence in Singapore, Vietnam and Italy where Coronavirus is highly evident, we are regularly speaking to our colleagues and have utilised the experiences in all our territories to put together procedures to best help us manage the risk.

Learnings from our colleagues in Singapore, who have dealt with an outbreak of SARS in 2003, have been particularly beneficial. With their insight we have been able to draft procedures so that we are prepared in the event of greater spread within any territory or should there be a direct link to any one of our centres, regardless of location.

The risk to children in our care is being minimised by adhering strictly to Government guidance in each country and where the need arises, we ask families not to attend our centres until they have completed a 14-day period at home. We will continue to ask questionnaires to be completed by those that have travelled to affected areas until we are confident the risk has reduced.

At Busy Bees we routinely practice high standards of infection control. We are committed to reducing the risk by ensuring effective hygiene practices are in place for both children and staff and we encourage full participation in these practices;

- Wash hands frequently with soap, especially before eating or handling food, after toilet visits, or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing, and to discard the tissue immediately into a bin.
- No sharing of food/ drinks/ utensils, toothbrushes or towels with others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, toys and equipment regularly and when contaminated by nasal or oral secretions.
- Ensure supplies such as hand soap, tissues, and paper towels are available for children and staff's use.

As always we remain vigilant in ensuring regular thorough cleaning is carried out and our housekeeping is effective. We continually monitor the health of children in our care and will react quickly in the event of any rise in temperature or changes in behaviour.

For further information please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions Guide (FAQ) which is available here for you busybeeschildcare.co.uk/coronavirus and of course our Centre Directors welcome any questions from parents.

Should you wish to seek advice from outside of Busy Bees then we refer you to the public health and Government websites within your home country.

Warmest Regards

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