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Dear Parent,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Coronavirus has now been declared a public health emergency of international concern and has spread to numerous countries around the World. Numerous cases of Covid-19 have been confirmed in the UK and the Chief Medical Officers have advised the risk to the public is moderate.

We prioritise safety and are committed to reducing the risk of spread to everyone at Busy Bees and are adhering to Government¹, Public Health² and The Department for Education³ guidance on managing the risk from Covid-19 (Coronavirus). We have also drafted internal procedures to help us react quickly in the event of a direct link to any one of our centres so we can effectively manage the situation.

We have minimised the risk to children in our care by asking staff and families that have travelled to affected areas not to attend our centres until they have completed a 14-day period in the UK after travel. We will continue to ask travel questionnaires to be completed by those that have travelled until we are confident the risk has reduced and are monitoring both the UK and global situation.

As has been previously communicated, we are committed to reducing the risk by ensuring effective hygiene practises are in place for both children and staff as advised by Public Health England⁴:

- 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.

We remain vigilant in ensuring regular and effective cleaning is carried out and our housekeeping is of a high standard. 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.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk#italy>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#preventing-spread-of-infection>



For further information please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions Guide (FAQ) which is available on our [website](#) along with the travel questionnaire and of course our Centre Directors welcome any questions from parents.

Warm Regards

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