

Monday 16th March 2020



Dear Families,

We continue to receive a daily update from the government regarding the advised response to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19. This guidance will assist staff in addressing COVID-19 in educational settings. This includes childcare, schools, further and higher educational institutions.

What are we doing at Grandpont;

- Insisting that staff and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new continuous cough, or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend nursery as normal.
- If your child is ill, please email or call us to let us know, please **do not** come into the nursery to tell us.
- If staff or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home
- We are ensuring that we are cleaning and disinfecting regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual.
- We are supervising young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds and more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser. The children are taught to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and put them straight in the bin.
- We are limiting visitors into the nursery and anyone who is visiting will need to be aware of our protocols.

More information can be found here;

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

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to education or children's social care settings will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Lisa and the Grandpont Team.