

## Little Acorns Childcare

### Coronavirus (COVID-19): Messy play, play dough and cookery risk assessment for staff, and children

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Date of assessment: Aug 2020	Review interval: weekly once we open	Date of next review: Oct 2020

**For the purpose of this risk assessment, we have used the term 'coronavirus' to refer to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

Area for concern	Risk rating prior to action H/M/L	Recommended controls	In place? Yes/No	By whom?	Deadline	Risk rating following action H/M/L
Poor hygiene practice	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posters are displayed throughout the nursery reminding children to wash their hands, e.g. before handling play dough, activities, cooking etc</li> <li>Wash hands after messy play activities</li> <li>Staff will supervise these activities at all times, set up and clean up. Any play dough that is put into their mouths will be binned and children are encouraged to not lick, taste, put things into their mouths.</li> <li>Staff will wash hands before all food prep or food handling and all messy play activities.</li> <li>Infection control procedures are adhered to as much as possible in accordance with the DfE and PHE's <a href="#">guidance</a>.</li> <li>Sufficient amounts of soap (or hand sanitiser where applicable), clean water, paper towels and waste disposal bins are supplied in all toilets and kitchen areas.</li> <li>Children are supervised by staff when washing their hands to ensure it is done correctly, where necessary.</li> </ul>	Y	Emma Smith	On going	M
Managing messy play		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The messy play activity will be set up in the morning by a team member working on that floor. The activity will be used by that 'bubble' on that day.</li> <li>At the end of the day the activity will be cleared up and disposed of.</li> <li>Play doh will be labelled for use of that 'bubble'.</li> <li>All these activities will be supervised at all times. If a child does put play dough into their mouths this will be disposed of.</li> <li>During cookery children will be supervised and again, if a child puts</li> </ul>				

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