



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the half term, despite the miserable weather!

As I am sure you are all aware by now, England is heading into another Lockdown due to the rapidly increasing infection rates.

While some parts of the nation still remain low in confirmed cases, many are rising.

Plymouth has seen a vast increase in cases over the last few weeks. Luckily at Little Owls, despite a few children requiring tests, we have not yet had a positive covid case in the setting. We would like to keep it that way please.

Therefore, I would just like to reiterate how important it is for you to keep your child at home if they are poorly. If they have any symptoms of covid please arrange a test. We will then need evidence of the results before your child can come back into the setting. I know that keeping your child out of nursery is not always ideal, but it will hopefully benefit everyone greatly in the long run. Please be honest with us and follow the guidance. Please also ensure that we can contact you during the day if your child becomes ill during their time at the setting. We have had a few cases recently where we have been unable to make contact with any of the emergency contacts we have for some children.

I would also like to ask that anyone dropping off or collecting a child from our setting now wears a mask unless they are medically unable to do so. We may need to ask you to remove it if we do not recognise you as they can make you look very different! If we need to ask this, please remove it at a distance. Continue to stay socially distant at drop off and pick up times and encourage your child to wash their hands before entering the setting.

We shall also be reverting to sending accident forms etc. via email. So, if your child has an accident at home please email to let us know and we shall send you the relevant form.

All this being said, I am aware that there may be times you wish to talk to us about your child. Please still do! In order to provide the best for all children we need to keep communication open so we will make time and space for this.

We also appreciate that going into another lockdown will be daunting for many, for various reasons, if you need someone to talk to or feel you are unable to cope please let a member of staff know and, again, we will make time and space for you.

If you choose to isolate your child at this time or in the future, let us know.

Many thanks

Lisa