**Settling in policy following Covid**

We will work with all families that are new or have not attended the setting for several months to arrange suitable settling times. These may include video calls to begin with, to minimise the time spent in the setting. Setting visits may be planned based on individual needs, taking in to account the age/stage of development and how the child feels about returning.

Where settling visits are required, different options will be considered such as:

* Virtual show rounds
* Online video calls
* Set times for example first thing in a morning or early evening when other children are not present (stay for a limited time, ideally no more than an hour)
* Settling visits outdoors
* Shorter sessions to begin with building up to the full session
* Parent/carers will be asked to wear face coverings and avoid close contact with other children.

We ensure any new parent/carers are aware of the [system of controls](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures#system-of-controls-protective-measures),how this impacts them, and their responsibilities in supporting it when visiting a setting with their child.

Most of the information for new children/children returning will be gathered over the telephone to limit the time spent in the setting.

Any new families will be asked to sign a health declaration to confirm the child or no one in the family has any symptoms of coronavirus

Children will not transition between units until the schools reopen.