

**KID EASE NOTICE RE COVID-19 [CORONAVIRUS]  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

We are all aware of events regarding the Covid-19 virus and its implications. The health and safety of our children, families and staff is of utmost importance.

Kid Ease will continue to follow advice from the Government, Public Health England and our LEAs. At this time Kid Ease nurseries will remain open and will continue to do so until advised otherwise.

In the meantime, our sickness and absence policies remain in place, but we will introduce additional procedures.

- Please do not send your child into nursery if they have a temperature of 37.8° or above. Children who might develop a temperature during their attendance will need to be collected immediately and remain at home for 7 days.
- Please do not send your child to nursery if they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough. If they do, children must remain at home for 7 days.
- Public Health England has stated that your child should remain at home for the FULL 7 days even if symptoms appear to improve within this period.
- From Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and until further notice, we will ask parents to drop off and collect their children at the nursery entrance as an additional precaution. We also ask that a single person drops off and collects their child each time. NB this can be a different person each visit, e.g. mum drops off and dad collects.
- From Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and until further notice Kid Ease will also stop 'non-essential' external visitors into our nurseries. This might include postponing some of the 'add-on' activities we provide, e.g. French, Little Kickers, although we are considering alternative options.

The current advice from PHE is to remain open and we are proactively trying to minimise the risk to us all.

Kid Ease has always operated a rigorous and robust sickness and absence policy and we have adopted these additional precautions as advised. We must all take responsibility to protect ourselves, our families and our community during this challenging period and I trust you will understand why we have adopted these new measures; to help reduce the spread of this virus. Please be assured that we are constantly risk assessing in our settings to identify ways to minimise any risk.

Thank you.

Ian Atkey  
Managing Director