SYSTEM OF COVID-19 CONTROLS

All providers of holiday activities should carry out a dedicated risk assessment. Organisers should, as a minimum, be able to explain to parents and carers the steps being taken to reduce the health and safety risks in the relevant setting and outline the protective measures that are in place.

Public Health England (PHE) has advised a 'system of controls' that consists of principles for infection control which, if followed, are expected to minimise risks of viral transmission. Even considering the new and more transmissible variant of coronavirus, this remains the advised strategy to contain viral spread.

System of controls: summary

Prevention

You must always:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the setting
2. Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances
3. Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
5. Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents
6. Consider how to minimise contact across the setting and maintain social distancing wherever possible
7. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

In specific circumstances:

8. Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary
9. Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available

Response to any infection

You must always:

10. Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
11. Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the setting community
12. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Details about each recommendation can be found within the 'Protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak' government guidance.