



CONTINGENCY BUSINESS PLAN FOR CORONA VIRUS AKA COVID 19

Fostering at the Acorns is committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of all stakeholders and we have therefore taken the decision to restrict all unnecessary travel and social contact, in line with the Prime Ministers announcement on the 16th March 2020 *“Now is the time for everyone to stop non-essential contact with others and stop all unnecessary travel”*

Supervisions/home visits

These will all stop with immediate effect. Supervisions will continue to be held digitally via Skype or Face time or by phone.

Meetings

Staff and foster carers will no longer attend meetings in person but will be available to give their input either digitally or by telephone.

Training

All training will be postponed indefinitely, pending further government guidance regarding social contact.

Placements

We will continue to make the placement of children and young people a priority where we have a vacancy but any meetings relating to the placement will be held digitally or by phone.

Family time

Our foster families will no longer facilitate or supervise family time to avoid unnecessary social contact and to keep the foster family and the young people in their care, free from contamination.

We continue to work closely with our Health and Safety consultant to ensure that we are complying with government guidance and that of Darlington Borough Council.

This policy will be under constant review and will change in line with government advice.