

Early Years & Childcare Business Newsletter

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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to read our latest Business Newsletter, we hope you find it useful to support you with the ongoing sustainability of your business. If you have anything that you would like to see included in future editions do let us know and please contact us for any further support or advice earlyyears@warwickshire.gov.uk

FREE VIRTUAL BUSINESS SUPPORT WORKSHOPS—BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW!

We are excited to announce that our Business Support Workshops, originally planned for March 2020 are now going to be taking place virtually in March 2021. Our host for this training is Tricia Wellings from MBK Training, a nursery owner herself who offers regular support to other early years providers. **Please click [here](#) to book a place.**

Tricia is also holding an early years business webinar coming up on the 11th February 2021 at 10am and you can access that for FREE [here](#)

Early Years & Childcare COVID-19 Business Health Check

Thank you to all of you who completed the Business Health Check. We hope to be able to share the analysis with you all as soon as possible.

Warwickshire CAVA

Warwickshire CAVA will be launching several new initiatives over the coming weeks—providing a range of support to develop the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise sector in Warwickshire. Sign up to their newsletters to receive up to date notifications [here](#). Warwickshire CAVA also have lots of information and support with funding and income generation free of charge to voluntary and community groups. More information can be found [here](#).

Coronavirus Financial Support for businesses

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and national restrictions the Government have announced financial support packages for businesses that have been affected by coronavirus. The financial support schemes are administered by the local District and Borough councils. For further information on the schemes including eligibility criteria, please click on the links below:

- [North Warwickshire Borough Council](#)
- [Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council](#)
- [Rugby Borough Council](#)
- [Warwick District Council](#)
- [Stratford on Avon Borough Council](#)

COVID-19 Government Business Support Updates

The Government has a webpage specifically for [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): financial support for education, early years and children's social care](#) where you can find all of the latest information and guidance to support your business. Also available is the coronavirus support finder — <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>

Latest Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19): financial support for education, early years and children's social care—updated 07.01.21 & 21.01.21 07.01.21—Updated to reflect the extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) to 30 April 2021. 21.01.21—Updated to remove outdated sector specific guidance for early years providers and reflect detail on public and private income from school-based nursery provision for mainstream state-funded schools.

Find examples to help you calculate your employees' wages—updated 13.01.21 & 26.01.21 New calculation examples added to cover the lookback period, calculating wages if employees are paid a fixed annual amount and to clarify the eligibility for the annually paid.

Calculate how much you can claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme—updated 13.01.21 & 22.01.21 & 26.01.21 & 27.01.21 Updates to list scenarios where the calculator cannot be used. 27.01.21—Updated information added regarding contacting HMRC.

Check if you can claim for your employees' wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme—updated 13.01.21 & 26.01.21 Added information on how to request that HMRC do not publish claim information.

Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) - updated 14.01.21 & 22.01.21 Watch videos and register for the free webinars to learn more about the support available.

Pay VAT deferred due to coronavirus (COVID-19) - updated 20.01.21 Added a new section on 'Correcting errors on your VAT returns relating to the VAT payments deferral scheme'. Including information on how to defer any extra payments resulting error corrections and HMRC VAT assessments.

Financial support for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) - updated 22.01.21 Updates to funding deadlines, information on Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and Self Employed Income Support Scheme.

Funding boost to get young people get into work—first published 27.01.21 New £1000 cash support for businesses to help with the cost of providing a traineeship.

Claim a grant through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme—updated 29.01.21 Claims for the third grant have now closed. The last date for making a claim for the third grant was 29 January 2021. Details about the fourth grant will be announced on 3 March 2021.

Useful Business Support Websites & Contacts

Starting up a childcare business

Information and tips on setting up and running your own business

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/business>

Charity Commission

Useful information on setting up and running a charity

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

Companies House

Information on starting up and running a company

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

Staff Employment – ACAS

Advice and information on staff employment matters

<https://www.acas.org.uk/>

PACEY - Business Smart

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/business-smart/about-business-smart/>

Find useful briefings, DfE guidance and slides from events and training

<https://app-t1pr-seycp.azurewebsites.net/resources.htm>

Government help with childcare costs for parents

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Group setting cost calculator co-produced with Merton and PACEY through DSF funding

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/nurseries/group-setting-cost-calculator/>

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/nurseries/group-setting-occupancy-tool/>

Warwickshire County Council Warwickshire Insights

Warwickshire Insights provides statistical information about local areas in Warwickshire

<https://data.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Out of School Alliance

Information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes.

<https://www.outofschoolalliance.co.uk/>

The Pensions Regulator

Information and guidance on staff pensions and the responsibility of the employer

<https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/>

Coram Family and Childcare's resources are designed to help professionals working in childcare and early years

<https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/resources-professionals>

NDNA – Business Zone NDNA Business Zone

http://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/News/Early_Years_Business_Zone.aspx

Early Years Alliance – Business and Management

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/cost-delivery-calculator>

Foundation Years – Business Planning

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/2019/08/business-planning/>

Warwickshire County Council Family Information Service

Free advertising for your childcare business on the childcare directory.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

Support and advice for your early years business

<https://www.earlyyearsbusinesszone.org.uk/>

Early years business sustainability

Advice, examples and resources to help early years providers run a sustainable business

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-business-sustainability>

Warwickshire County Council Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcaretypes>

Warwickshire County Council Support for businesses & suppliers

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusbusinesssupport>