

Early Years Briefing for Early Years Providers and Childminders 25th March 2020

Good morning.

We hope you have had time to digest the information that was sent to you yesterday. Please remember to fill in the data return by 9.30 every day, even if you are closed. This information is crucial in ensuring that we can coordinate sufficient places for children in the defined groups

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BqqwiCdZu0uok4nMJxOsgtUcRBe1-2tDt4OwnGI6_SdUQkZKMVZNQVNMV0NMWEVWTK5NT0IJRIRDVYQIQCN0PWcu

As advised in yesterday's information, ALL Early Years related covid-19 enquiries need to be sent to: EYcovid19@warwickshire.gov.uk

ALL Early Years funding related enquiries need to go to: eyfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk

We are currently working to support you with solutions for supply chain issues in relation to food and essential supplies and today begin working on an 'early years hub' approach in areas where many providers have closed and there is not a local solution.

The Government published significant additional guidance for early years late yesterday afternoon which we have attached for your information. We will also digest this today and try to help you with any questions you may have.

Early Years and Childcare Closures

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

Business rates information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-rates-nursery-childcare-discount-2020-to-2021-coronavirus-response-local-authority-guidance>

Business Support Information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Wider information has also been updated by the Government

National Guidance

Key national guidance has been updated. It includes the following for schools, recognising the importance of the work you are fulfilling:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>

This should be read alongside:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Up to date information for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The Warwickshire education settings and school leadership webpage can be found here

<https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-guidance-school-leaders-education-settings-schools/1>

Your contribution to the national mission and community leadership is very important in this challenging time. Thank you to you and your colleagues.

The senior leadership team have meetings everyday with the DfE to discuss issues arising and the resilience of the school and early years system. If you have risks, needs and challenges in meeting the supervision mission for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children let us know via the email EYcovid19@warwickshire.gov.uk .

We can then appropriately advise or escalate for national solutions.

Regards

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