

Warwickshire Council Early Years Briefing - Wednesday 22nd April 2020

New! Coronavirus business support finder tool

A new 'support finder' tool will help businesses and self-employed people across the UK to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them during the coronavirus pandemic <u>https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder</u>

New! Work out 80% of your employees' wages to claim through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/work-out-80-of-your-employees-wages-to-claim-through-thecoronavirus-job-retention-scheme

Government updates:

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 Outbreak (Updated 21 April 2020) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures

The Q&A in the updated guidance should be read alongside the:

- guidance on implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings
- guidance on <u>critical workers</u>
- guidance for <u>vulnerable children and young people</u>
- guidance on Ofsted's response to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- guidance on the <u>Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u>

Guidance: Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice for settings and childminders to signpost to for parents and carers of children who have not

yet started school. <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19</u>

Data collection

Thank you to everyone who completed the data form this morning. It is essential that if your setting **is open** the data is completed every day and returned by 9.30am. You will need to scroll down the form to the settings tab to input your information. If you are unable to complete the form by 9.30am please submit your data as soon as possible each day.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BqqwiCdZu0uok4nMJxOsgtUcRBe1-2tDt4OwnGI6_SdUQkZKMVZNQVNMV0NMWEVWTk5NT0IJRIRDVyQIQCN0PWcu

NSPCC Helpline

The NSPCC helpline provides help and support to thousands of parents, professionals and families. It's a place adults can contact by <u>phone or online</u> to get advice or share their concerns about a child, anonymously if they wish. It's staffed by professional practitioners with backgrounds in jobs like teaching, healthcare and social work, who know how to spot the <u>signs of abuse</u> and what to do to help <u>help@nspcc.org.uk</u> or **Telephone:0808 800 5000**

Early Help in Warwickshire

The Early Help and Targeted Support, Family Support Team are available to help with parenting, routines, boundaries and all aspects of family life.

The Family Support helpline is available from 9am to 4pm on 01926 412412.

There are 5 options to link you to your **local Family Support team**. Parents and professionals (consent is required to discuss the needs of a family) can utilise this service.

Family Information Service (FIS)

A wide range of information is available via Family Information Service webpages: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

This includes information, advice and guidance on a range of subjects including finance, housing, parental conflict, childcare and other topics.

The Warwickshire wide helpline available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 01926 742274 or fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

1 to 1 support also available via FIS brokerage service (via phone during Covid-19) for complex enquiries. Brokerage service can be accessed via FIS helpline.

Please continue to use the following email addresses for communication with Warwickshire Council early years teams:

ALL Coronavirus enquiries: <u>EYCovid19@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

Non-coronavirus enquiries:

early years funding evfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk

early years sufficiency and business support earlyyears@warwickshire.gov.uk